

**City of Bethel, Alaska**  
**Parks, Recreation, Aquatic, Health & Safety Center Committee Minutes**

October 10, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Dewitt at 6:02pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Comprising a quorum, the following members were present: Michelle DeWitt, Judy Wasierski, Kathy Hanson, Barbara Mosier, Beverly Hoffman, Brian Lefferts, and Rick Robb.

Excused absent(s): Kathryn Baldwin

Unexcused absent: Mark Jones

Also in attendance were the following:  
 Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani  
 Committee Recorder, Pauline Boratko  
 Fitness Center Facility Director, Stacey Reardon  
 Grant Writer, John Sargent

**III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:** Jeff Sanders- would like to have the Energy Committee work with the Parks committee regarding alternative energy options at the Fitness Center.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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| MOVED BY:       | Brian Lefferts       | Motion to approve the agenda. |
| SECONDED BY:    | Judy Wasierski       |                               |
| VOTE ON MOTION: | Unanimously approved |                               |

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

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| MOVED BY:       | Judy Wasierski       | Motion to approve the minutes |
| SECONDED BY:    | Kathy Baldwin        |                               |
| VOTE ON MOTION: | Unanimously approved |                               |

**VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

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| MOVED BY:       | Rick Robb            | Motion to amend the agenda moving item E up to special business |
| SECONDED BY:    | Brian Lefferts       |   |
| VOTE ON MOTION: | Unanimously approved |   |

**A. Grant Updates; Pinky's Park Improvement, Trail between YKHC and KUC:** The new sports field has over 450 loads of sand with more planned next summer after the sand settles. Then it will be hydro seeded.

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| MOVED BY:      | Brian Lefferts       | Motion to expand old soccer field to 200 x 360 feet |
| SECONDED BY:   | Judy Wasierski       |   |
| VOTE ON MOTION | Unanimously approved |   |

**VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT:** Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani reports that Mark Charlie, AVCP Housing, stated in a phone conversation that they will help with manpower but there is no money to make repairs at Owl Park, estimated by City at one point to be \$130,000. Talks will

continue with Mark and the AVCP RHA Board of Directors. It will be reported to City Council the issue is being looked into but there is concern for safety

Fitness Center Facility Director, Stacey Reardon reports that she has hired an administrative assistant to help with paper work. A two-way radio has been purchased for staff, and a life guard course will be happening this weekend. Stacey also adds that they did a backwash and there weren't any complications. Shadi Rabi and Stacey Reardon are the only full time employees and the rest are just full time. A Halloween party is also planned for October 29, 2016.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Individual to provide report to October 11, 2016 City Council Meeting:** Brian Lefferts volunteered to give the report to the City Council Meeting.
- B. Status of Outstanding Recommendations and Action Memorandums to the City Council to include AVCP Housing/City of Bethel Owl Park Agreement, Dog Park:** The Owl Park grant was previously discussed. No action has been take for Dog Park.
- C. City of Bethel Employee Wellness Program:** City Council returned the recommendation requesting more information regarding taxable benefits which is currently under negotiation.
- D. Facility Name:** Fitness Center Director suggests adding "recreation" to the facility's name. Committee suggests that she does a poll at the front desk to get ideas from the public.
- F. Arts at the Yukon Kuskokwim Fitness Center:** Michelle Dewitt informed the committee to respond via email on who would like to a part of the selection of art for the Fitness Center.
- G. Yukon Kuskokwim Fitness Center:** The website is currently up and running, but the wind section still needs to be added.
- H. FY17 Parks and Recreation Budget:** postponed until next meeting.
- I. Log Cabin/4H Building Budget Line items:** postponed until next meeting.
- J. FY17 YKFC Budget:** postponed until next meeting.
- K. Sub Committee Reports (Marketing, Physical Facility):** no new updates this month.
- L. Signs in parks to notify staff of maintenance problems:** Matt Ross has no problems with his company cell number being posted on signs to contact him if any maintenance problems are seen with boardwalks.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

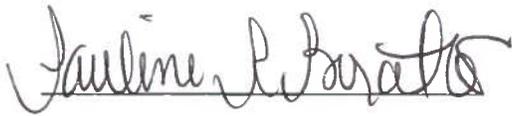
**XI. MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- M. DeWitt- no comment.
- J. Wasierski- no comment.
- B. Mosier- no comment.
- B. Hoffman- no comment.
- B. Lefferts- no comment.
- K. Hanson- Planning commission has trails on their agenda.
- K. Baldin- no comment.
- R. Robb- Great committee, by far the most active.

**XII. AJORNMENT**

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| MOVED BY:      | Judy Wasierski       | Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. |
| SECONDED BY:   | Kathy Hanson         |   |
| VOTE ON MOTION | Unanimously approved |   |

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.



Pauline Boratko, Committee Recorder



Michelle DeWitt, Chair

11/14/16