

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager
Date: January 22, 2013
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 13-03

DESIGNATION OF FIVE ACRES OF LAND TO PINKY'S PARK FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund is a federal grant program administered by the National Park Service through the State of Alaska, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation;

WHEREAS, the grant provides 50% matching funds for outdoor recreation projects;

WHEREAS, property acquired or developed with LWCF funding must be retained and used solely for outdoor recreation purposes in perpetuity;

WHEREAS, Pinky's Park is a 21-acre land area in Bethel developed by LWCF funding and designated for outdoor recreation use in perpetuity;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has an opportunity to add five acres of City land to Pinky's Park and use it as match in its grant application due February 1, 2013;

WHEREAS, Affiliated Appraisers of Alaska revealed in December 2012 that the average value per acre for three land sales that occurred in Bethel in 2002 was \$31,070;

WHEREAS, using a value of \$31,070 per acre gives the five acres adjacent to Pinky's Park a value of \$155,550;

WHEREAS, the five-acres of land to be added to Pinky's Park is the land west of the Pinky's Park boundary to the eastern boundary of Yuut Elitnaurviat and north of the ONC multipurpose building;

WHEREAS, the City Planner and Acting Parks and Recreation Director support the addition of the five acres of land to Pinky's Park for the following reasons: land can be better used for Fourth of July activities, vendors, and crowd disbursement; land would be used to construct a gravel road to a multiuse athletic field for soccer, field hockey, and other sports; land is adjacent to Pinky's Park; land is close to an existing parking lot;

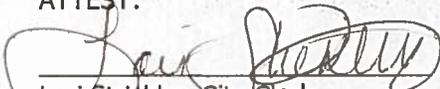
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports and approves the designation of five acres of additional land to become a part of Pinky's Park and used solely for outdoor recreation in perpetuity;

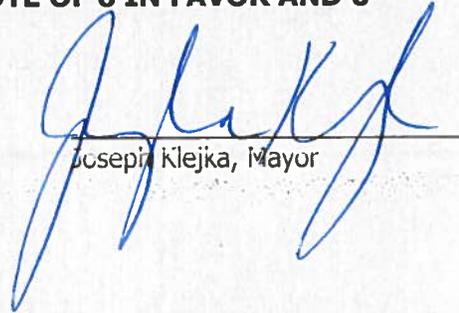
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bethel City Council approves the use of the newly designated five acres of land as match for its FY 2013 LWCF grant application;

ENACTED THIS 22ND DAY OF JANUARY 2013 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Joseph Klejka, Mayor