



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Parks and Rec Advisory Board

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Thursday, August 26, 2021

4:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Brian Richards called the meeting to order at: 4:08 p.m.

#### PRESENT

Vice Chair Stephanie Hayes  
Chair Brian Richards  
Board Member Malena Marvin  
Board Member Desi Burrell

#### ABSENT

Board Member Garrett Kravitz

### 2. Approval of Minutes

#### A. May 20, 2021, Minutes

All minutes were approved as submitted.

### 3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Agenda was approved with amendment added by Board Member Desi Burrell to New Business regarding Saltwater Pool.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Hayes, Chair Richards, Board Member Marvin, Board Member Burrell

### 4. Visitors Views Related to Agenda

There were no persons to be heard related to the agenda.

### 5. Visitor's Views Unrelated to Agenda

There were no persons to be heard for unrelated items to the agenda.

## **6. Director's Report**

### **A. August 26, 2021**

Director Stephanie Payne reviewed her report with the Board. Updates on upcoming Youth Basketball Program, Fall/Winter schedules for both gym and aquatic center. Outcome for Blood drive was great, hopes of doing more in the future. Discussion of getting a Gymnastics program going this winter, along with a Pickleball clinic. Director Payne gave updates on the upcoming boiler repair work. We had our Maintenance Technician leave us in July, hired his replacement and he will be starting in October. Attached also was an update from Aquatic Supervisor Scott Burt.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

All members agreed there was no unfinished business, all answers had been given.

## **8. New Business**

Board Member Desi Burrell has been approached by community members on what it would take to convert our current pool to a saltwater pool.

Director Stephanie Payne answered that it has been mentioned before and when researched, found to be very expensive. Maintenance and care could be less expensive but getting the pool to that point would be the big cost. Unfortunately, there are other things in need of repair that would come first with the facility.

Chair Brian Richards stated it would be good to have this on a future survey for a better idea what the community would like.

This subject was tabled.

### **A. Draft Thank you letter to USFS/Raven's Roost**

Board Member Marvin requested this agenda item.

Board Member Malena Marvin made a motion to pass the letter attached to the Assembly, as a draft to give to the Forest Service. This would be representing community of Petersburg. Vice Chair Stephanie Hayes seconded the motion. Discussion on how to proceed and get said letter to the Assembly was done.

Motion made by Board Member Marvin, Seconded by Vice Chair Hayes.  
Voting Yea: Vice Chair Hayes, Chair Richards, Board Member Marvin, Board Member Burrell

### **B. Trails Sub-Committee**

Board Member Richards requested this agenda item.

Chair Brian Richards has been doing research and reaching out to individuals within the community. He would like to start a committee of some type to get more trails in our town. Discussion of a Sub-Committee took place and the idea of forming a Friends of Trails unassociated with the Advisory Board was brought up. Questions of what it would take to start such a group was asked and will get reported back to Board.

Motion to schedule a work session with the focus on trails in the fall. Work session would be to hear of plans and what focus is for trails.

Board Member Desi Burrell clarified that the work session would be under the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Vice Chair Stephanie Hayes stated this will be an opportunity to pass on what we learn about the non-profit to the community.

Motion made by Board Member Marvin, Seconded by Vice Chair Hayes.  
Voting Yea: Vice Chair Hayes, Chair Richards, Board Member Marvin, Board Member Burrell

## 9. Communications

There was no communication.

## 10. Discussion Items

## 11. Recognitions

Board Member Malena Marvin gave a Thank you out to Board Member Desi Burrell and the Rotary for the time and efforts put into the Sandy Beach Playground Project. After spending time out there and seeing what a great place it is for our community.

## 12. Adjourn

**Next meeting** was decided to be after the elections so new members can get caught up.

October 14, 2021, 4:00 pm Via Zoom and in person at Parks & Rec upstairs office

**Work Session** was scheduled for October 28, 2021, 6:00 pm Parks & Rec Activity Room

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm