



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, October 14, 2021

4:00 PM

via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Stephanie Hayes called meeting to order at 4:04. Those present were:
Stephanie Hayes, Malena Marvin, Sara Fine-Walsh, Stephanie Payne, Theresa Craig

2. Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes from August 26, 2021, Meeting to be approved.

Minutes were approved by all, Board Member Fine-Walsh wanted it noted she was not at last meeting but approved minutes.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Board Member Marvin would like to move discussion around. Starting with B rather than A.

All approved.

5. Visitor's Views Related to Agenda

There were no visitors at meeting or on zoom.

6. Visitor's Views Unrelated to Agenda

There were no visitors at meeting or on zoom.

7. Director's Report

- A. Director Report for 10.14.21 Meeting.

Vice Chair Hayes mentioned that metal stairs used for Forest Service Raven's Roost trail were all prefabricated and stated by Forest Service very cost effective. Angles and measurements were sent to manufacturer and the stairs were sent ready to put together.

Action item: Vice Chair will find out who the point of contact was for this project to see if it would be an effective way to go for installing new stairs at our Eagle's Roost Park.

Board Member Marvin will be putting the word out on the need for lifeguards.

8. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

9. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

10. Communication

Board Member Fine-Walsh mentioned that it was requested by a community member to have the facility open on Sundays. This would give those that work time to utilize the facility on their days off. Director Payne gave various times for open gym, and open swims and that the staffing would need to increase to have Sunday hours. The results of the survey taken earlier in the year showed that this was not a high priority in the community when asked for input but hopes in the future to have the funds to increase staff to do so.

11. Discussion Items

A. Board Member Malena Marvin would like to discuss:

Public notice & Parks & Rec Advisory Board notification for department infrastructure projects.

Establishing process for when Parks Department actions trigger notification to public for review via Parks and Rec Board meeting agenda.

This agenda item is meant to address previous and current concerns from members of the public that Parks & Rec Department has proceeded privately with actions that public and/or Board members would like to have prior notification of and an opportunity to comment on.

Board Member Marvin is concerned about changes happening without the community having any input. Director Payne stated, if there is time to let community know and give input she does so, but there are and will be projects that will happen quickly and not allow time to do so. After discussing more, Director Payne offered to include the board on the email updates to the Borough Manager that goes to the Assembly meetings for updates in departments. A concern of Director Payne is the concern for the need of lifeguards, this being a key to our being able to offer pool time to our community. This would be something that the board would be helpful in spreading the word and help with recruiting. Board Member Fine-Walsh offered to call in to Assembly meeting to let it be known, suggestions of having Aquatic Supervisor and Director Payne go on Tradio to discuss the need and what it takes to become a lifeguard.

B. Director Payne would like to add

Forest Service RAC grant authored by the local Watershed Coalition for signage at Sandy Beach.

Director Payne had a meeting with the Forest Service about different artifacts at Sandy Beach Park. Director Payne would like to get signage at the park to point out these points of interest for visitors.

Board Member Marvin has been working with the Resources Advisory Commission (RAC) and a grant has been approved. Marvin would like to hold a meeting with various groups in the community, PIA, Rotary, Parks & Rec to hear what people would like to see. Marvin will email RAC to see where at with grant and what the terms are. Director Payne will be included on the email.

12. Adjourn

Next meeting set for January 6, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Upstairs office and zoom availability.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.