



Petersburg Borough

500 N 3rd Street
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Agenda Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2022

4:00 PM

Parks & Recreation Upstairs
Office

Meeting to be held in upstairs office at Parks & Rec facility.

Zoom meeting is an option follow link below.

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Meeting ID: 853 2612 7173

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Kacey Hammer _____

Stephanie Hayes _____

Malena Marvin _____

Sarah Fine-Walsh _____

Guest _____

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2. Approval of Minutes

A. July 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

4. Visitor's Views Related to Agenda

5. Visitor's Views Unrelated to Agenda

6. Director's Report

A. Director Stephanie Payne will review the events that have been going on since last meeting in July, 2022.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Director Payne will give an update on water fountain request since last meeting in July, 2022.

8. New Business

9. Communication

- A. Board Member Malena Marvin would like to have public comments added from the Facebook post announcing our Advisory meeting.

10. Discussion Items

- A. Director Payne would like to get public input about plans to create a BMX track in the parcel of 01-014-500 and possibly 01-014-600, both at the intersection of Haugen Drive and Sandy Beach Road. This will be a Winter 2022 project, starting approximately in November.

11. Adjourn

6. Director's Report

- A. Director Stephanie Payne read her review submitted. Jeff Meucci asked how many have registered. We have at least 4 currently.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. At meeting held on April 21, 2022 the board had discussed items brought up at the work session about the Troll Bridge having any plans with Boy Scouts for another trail or bridge and report of what council is hoping for with the cultural footprints to be added to Sandy Beach . Tribal administrator Chad Wright was going to reach out after meeting with council and would report back.

Plans for extension of trail with ADA accessibility by Petersburg Indian Association is in the future (2024) and this may eliminate the Troll Bridge issue.

- B. Board member Malena was to report on Ice Skate Pond Work session that happened on June 16th, 2022.

This meeting was a no show and questions of rescheduling or waiting until more in season? Other options to reach out to community for input was survey or letter to Pilot? Director Payne has done an excellent job to reach out and let the intentions be known.

Board Member Malena made a motion to group write a letter to Pilot editor, on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Advisory board. Regarding plans for improvements at the Ice-Skating Pond at the Ball Field.

Seconded by Sarah Fine-Walsh

Unanimous vote in favor.

8. New Business

- A. Responding to community member request. Can we look at water bottle stations at key locations to encourage water bottle refills and healthy hydration. Requested by Board member Malena Marvin.

Director Stephanie Payne went over some quotes for the fountains. This did not include shipping, installation or any other infrastructure involved. It has not been included in the FY23 budget. It was agreed to work on this getting added to our FY24 budget once more information is gathered. Possible grants, fund raising?

9. Communication

Board Member Sarah Fine-Walsh has mentioned a suggestion box in the Weight Room itself. She has been approached by many about equipment and layout of the room.

Director Payne explained that the High School Weight room is not part of Parks & Recreation, and it continues to be a problem with access & equipment.

Facility Supervisor Julie Anderson would be great to add to this conversation.

Board Member Malena asked if there is any kind of Intro to the weight rooms, answer is no. "How To" signage in all the rooms has been added.

Parks & Rec staff has done an amazing job at the community events such as Little Norway and July 4th celebration. At Community Celebration was so enjoyable, staff worked great together, and patrons were so happy.

A big thank you to Stephanie for getting Parks & Rec to this level. Assembly member Meucci stated the improvement also.

Kudo's to our Grounds Keeping (Colin Perry and Joe McLitus) for the work being done at Sandy Beach specifically. Loved seeing the trails and kids playing.

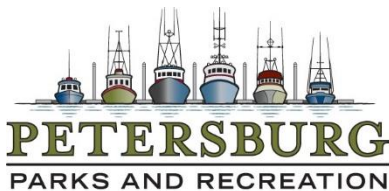
10. Discussion Items

Board Member Malena would like to give an update on the Forest Service grant for signs out at Sandy Beach. PIA Susan Harai had some ideas along with Sonny Rice, Kari Petersen to create an Outside Museum. Sue will be asking for some funds on this project, forest service money needs to be spent before end of year. Janine Gibbons is going to be the creative person for this project. Library would like to have QR codes for listening to stories.

Next meeting will be held **September 29, 2022, at 4:00 pm**

11. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.



Director Report: Sept. 19, 2022 for 4:00pm Advisory Board meeting on Sept. 29, 2022

Stephanie Payne

Welcome to Parks and Receptions busiest time of the year – Fall!! We statistically see much more use of our facilities: Youth Basketball, referee and coaching clinics, Halloween Hustle, Winter Wonderland, typically a lot of private rentals of both pool and gym with the Activity Room for birthday parties, HS and VSC swim meets, and the many other community opportunities that we assist with. This year is no different – are you ready??

Operations

- ❖ On July 27th we were notified that we are receiving \$122K from the State, in the form of a grant, to assist with lighting up at the Ballfield and Ice Skate Pond! While I have already supplied lights for the skate pond, the bulk of the funds will be used by Petersburg Little League and PSD for ballfield lights! We have been working closely with Karl Hagerman and Darby Mattingly about the layout and technical stuff. What a great surprise!!
- ❖ In early August, HS Swim jumped in the pool to start their season, with their one and only home meet to occur on Sept. 30 / Oct. 1, 12p-8p both days – the Aquatic Center pool schedule will be altered on those two days. Go Viking Swimmers!
- ❖ Julie Anderson assisted our community in August with the Bike Rodeo and Girls On The Run (GOTR) Summer Camp – she made sure they had all they need that we could offer, as well as a bit of her time – Thank you, Julie!
- ❖ VSC resumed their pool rental time starting the last week of August and have 2 fall events scheduled: Sept. 23rd Swim Trial and Nov. 11-13 with November Rain. Aquatic Center pool schedule will be altered for these events as well. Swim like crazy, VSC! Always makes me smile to see the grandeur of these swim events and our Aquatic Center and pool deck transform – what amazing energy!!
- ❖ Youth Basketball started in early September, with the addition of Pre-K kiddos dribblin’ themselves into frenzies. Coaches are: **Matt Pawuk** and **Blaine Volk** (4th-6th), Baine Volk and **Christine Lynn** (2nd - 3rd), Matt Pawuk (K-1st), and **Julie Anderson, Camie Gillen, and Hali LaChapelle** (Pre-K). We have practices every day of the week! Games for 2nd – 6th start this week and a plan for our annual Invitational (formerly known as All Stars) against Wrangell in early Nov! HUGE THANK YOU to all our staff volunteer coaches that make this happen – we couldn’t do it without them!
- ❖ We have officially ordered the Pool Covers (ETA mid November-ish), **Cemetery Walkway** (Mobi Mats), **4 new SS park restroom toilets**, and 6 Bear Proof Trash Cans for the parks (Estimated Ship Date: 11/15). Toilets will be installed when we close the restrooms for the winter (Oct. 3rd). Items in bold have been received.

- ❖ I have officially joined the Crisis Response Team for the School/Borough. The connection with the school in the case of an emergency is critical, especially if there is a Lockdown. Julie and I have also participated in the ALICE training at the MS/HS last Friday.
- ❖ Evening Water Aerobics!! We have added an evening water aerobics course on Monday nights, 6:30-7:30p! Theresa is hosting this course, lots of new people!
- ❖ Covid Booster Clinic, put on by the Community Health Clinic and PMC, will be happening in our Gym on Friday, Sept. 23rd from 10a-3p.
- ❖ OUR FIRST TRIATHLON – will be a Sprint Triathlon – Saturday, Sept. 24th at 9a! Congratulations to Scott Burt for hosting our first Petersburg Triathlon Club event!
- ❖ Park restrooms will be CLOSING for the winter season on Monday, Oct 3rd and reopen beginning of May, weather pending.
- ❖ **VOTE!** In our Municipal election – in our Gym on Oct. 4th – all day!!
- ❖ **WE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCT. 17TH IN OBSERVANCE OF AK DAY!** – Other Borough offices will close on Tuesday the 18th, but it is easier for our patrons when it is a Monday rather than a Tuesday.
- ❖ Oktoberfest will grace our Gym and Activity Room once again on Oct. 22nd!
- ❖ Halloween Hustle is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 31st from 4p-6p!! Volunteers always welcome!!
- ❖ **VOTE!** State General Election – Activity Room on November 8th – all day!
- ❖ **We will be CLOSED on Friday, Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans Day.**
- ❖ Winter Wonderland tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 17th! Volunteers Welcome!

Facility Maintenance

- ❖ Approx. 140’ of main sewer line that runs down the Fitness Center Hallway (gym portion of facility), and all of its associated lines to restrooms and locker rooms, and Activity Room will need to be replaced as soon as possible, hopefully this fall/winter. The old line is in serious disrepair. We are taking steps to talk with plumbing contractors to take care of this project. We will try to be as least disruptive as possible.
- ❖ Another leak in the Boiler Room heat exchanger (supplies hot water to pool). Conversing with Ketchikan Mechanical to repair the leak. SHOULD NOT result in any shut-downs, but we will see.
- ❖ Work continuing with Fire Repairs – looks as though we have to replace the control panels on new boilers to accommodate the State code (long story). We are working with insurance to take care of this – BUT we will have to move a large expansion tank (that needs to be replaced anyway) to make room for new control panels. Manager Giesbrecht, our contractor and engineer, and I are working on these details and gathering information. Also, not sure if this will require a shut down.

This concludes my report. Please present any questions that you may have.