



Petersburg Borough

500 N 3rd Street
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, April 21, 2022

4:00 PM

Parks & Recreation Upstairs
Office

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

Those that attended were:

Stephanie Hayes, Sarah Fine-Walsh, Marlena Marvin, Stephanie Payne, Theresa Craig and Chad Wright from Petersburg Indian Association via Zoom.

2. Approval of Minutes

A.

Minutes of January 6, 2022 Regular Meeting were approved.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

There were no amendments made to agenda.

4. Visitor's Views Related to Agenda

There were no visitor's views related to the agenda.

5. Visitor's Views Unrelated to Agenda

There were no visitor's views for anything unrelated to the agenda.

6. Director's Report

A. Director Stephanie Payne reviews the happenings since our last meeting in January.

Director Stephanie Payne read her report and answered questions from the board.

Board member Stephanie Hayes asked about the upcoming Fourth of July celebration festivities, will they be similar to previous years?

Director Payne stated that yes, most same, looking at limiting the entries for the blindfold race.

Board Member Hayes asked about the 25% capacity of boilers, is this a new issue?

Director Payne explained briefly how both boilers are checked periodically and appeared to be running as should be then it was noticed that there was a change. When investigated more, it appeared that the boiler gauges read working but in actuality was not. This is not new issues and will be fixed once new boiler system installed. Until then, continued monitoring of equipment is being done.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Board member Malena Marvin requested a work session that was set up for April 7th in regards to Sandy Beach future goals and long term plans. Report to be given.

Board member Sarah Fine-Walsh reported to board about current work session for Sandy Beach.

Small attendance but good input from the one resident that was present. Some concerns brought up were:

Accessibility safety to shelters

Returning the horseshoe pit

Signage on restrooms, locations, hours of opening

Troll Bridge

Possible daytime picnic area at Fredrick Point, Borough has empty lot there that could be utilized as a viewing area or rest after the trail.

Discussion of a second bridge was brought up, Board member Malena Marvin asked Petersburg Indian Association Tribal Administrator Chad Wright he was aware of any plans for Boy Scouts to come in and create another trail or bridge. Chad stated he would inquire and get back to the board.

Board member Sarah Fine-Walsh asked Chad if there were any questions he had for the board.

Chad stated that they would like to have a cultural footprint present at Sandy Beach, will be speaking with council at next meeting to start things moving.

Sidenote from board member Malena, she has started moving with the signage grant again.

- B. Director Payne would like to discuss and schedule a work session for Ice Skate Pond to prepare for upcoming improvements for next year.

Work Session Schedule for Thursday, June 16, 2022

Time: 6pm Location: Ice Skate Pond

Board Member Malena will take notes and report back at next Advisory meeting.

Idea Director Payne has is to create a clean friendly area that is inviting to our community. Ideas of a kiosk with names of those that have volunteered, donated or assisted in creating this along with ice safety tips. The area will be an opportunity for those wanting to do fundraising also as there will be a concession like stand set up for those interested.

8. New Business

- A. Voting of new officer's needs to be completed since new year.

It was motioned for Stephanie Hayes to become Chair for the board, and Sarah Vice Chair.

Malena moved to finalize, and it was seconded by Stephanie Hayes and all in favor.

2022/23 Chair for Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Stephanie Hayes

2022/23 Vice Chair for Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Sarah Fine-Walsh

- C. Board member Malena Marvin would like to present a rough draft letter to the board for approval to send to Petersburg Assembly.

The board reviewed the letter and approved with the amendment of 3 items. Board member Malena will complete letter with amendments and send to Borough Clerk Debra Thompson along with pertinent attachments from community members in favor of trail project, to be presented to Petersburg Borough Assembly at the May 16th meeting. Chair member Stephanie Hayes will be present to read the letter to the Assembly.

Board member Malena will also send all information to Chad Wright, PIA administrator.

9. Communication

Chair member Stephanie would like to thank Director Stephanie Payne for such a thorough report, it was very informative.

Vice-Chair Sarah would add a thank you for the update sent out to the board on March 2, 2022. It was really appreciated and so much added since then on director's report.

10. Discussion Items

Board member Malena would just like to remind everyone to keep recruiting for the advisory board. We do have a write in that will be presented to Assembly for approval.

11. Adjourn

Next meeting will be Thursday July 21, 2022, at 4:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm