PETERSBURG BOROUGH RESOLUTION #2022-20

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF BOROUGH PARCEL #01-014-600 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A NON-MOTORIZED BIKE PARK TRACK FOR PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION

WHEREAS, parcel #01-014-600 was granted to the City of Petersburg by the State of Alaska on February 6, 1974 for the sole purpose of Public Recreation use; and

WHEREAS, our community members and tax payers have expressed interest in having the non-motorized bike park track built for the enjoyment and recreational opportunities of our older and younger population; and

WHEREAS, a small southeast portion of the suggested parcel is proposed to be utilized for the construction of the bike park track. This location is ideal for its natural topography and close proximity to parking, restrooms, shelters, and the playground at Sandy Beach Park; and

WHEREAS, a local road building business, Rock-N-Road Construction, is willing to donate the time, materials, equipment, and expertise to construct the bike park track, along with volunteer and fundraising assistance from Wheelhouse Bike Repair, and other volunteering local businesses and community members; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the Assembly, Rock-N-Road Construction will acquire a dig permit to locate the utilities once access has been granted; and

WHEREAS, access for track construction will occur on Sandy Beach Rd to avoid crossing utilities. Rock-N-Road Construction also intends to use low-impact equipment to eliminate the possibility of water and sewer line damage; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has been consulted to ensure that our local salmon populations will not be hindered by the building of the bike park track, nor will any wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the current Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously supports the addition of the bike park track to our Parks and Recreation facilities for community use; and

WHEREAS, local volunteer work parties will be the primary maintenance and upkeep for the track in future years, with minimal Parks and Recreation labor involved. Any major maintenance will be performed or overseen by Rock-N-Road Construction at no cost to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and community members have researched and brought forth bike park track general safety guidelines for use in safe track construction; and

WHEREAS, Borough liability insurance carriers have encouraged the addition of the bike park track with ample signage for "Use at your own risk" as well as signage for general track awareness, along with annual track inspections to be conducted by Rock-N-Road Construction; and

WHEREAS, Rock-N-Road Construction is hoping that this track will be rideable beginning Summer 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Petersburg Borough Assembly recognize the will of the community to bring forward another opportunity for outdoor recreation and hereby approve the portion of parcel #01-014-600 for the building of a public use non-motorized bike park track.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on December 5, 2022.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk