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### Meeting Minutes

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*Date: June 5, 2017*

*Occasion: General Meeting*

*Called to Order: 7:06 pm*

**Quorum:** Board Quorum present. No Community Quorum.

**Agenda:** Steve Charles moved to amend and add DNR Exploration discussion – approved.

**Minutes:** May 1, 2017 minutes approved as written.

**Borough Assembly Report:** Randall's phone number and email are posted on MSB website, please contact him with questions or comments. Waiting to find out about money from rec bond and waiting on DNR for Hessler/Norris trail project. Ice rinks are being discussed with MSB. Park: waiting for quote for as built and flagging, fieldwork should begin 6/16, design should be final by end of June. MSB budget passed. The mill rate is currently at the cap. MSB school district asking for additional funding. A sales tax is being discussed.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**1. Secretary:** No report; Sue absent, Carrie took meeting notes.

**2. Treasurer:** No report; Vince absent.

**3. Vice Chair:** Jim helped with clean up day, purchased a new vacuum for WCC. There was a question about break-ins at WCC and Jim said game cameras are up.

**4. Chair:** Notice from DNR regarding hearings on exploration. Steve Charles will discuss as comment period ends in June. Presented Dan Wilcox, pastor of United Methodist Church, with a certificate recognizing his service in Willow. Dan and his family are moving to Wasilla. Passed out information on beautification fence project. Any Anderson spoke about the project. Talon made the following motion.

**MOTION:** Approve the fence beautification project as presented by Andy. Andy will donate the labor.  
Motion seconded.

**VOTE:** Passed unanimous.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**1. Carnival:** Carnival 2018 planning meetings will start in August – take photos of your rainbow trout.

**2. Trails:** National Trails Day was June 3rd – 20 people hiked the Red Shirt Lake trail followed by a talk on birds and a potluck. There will be group hikes throughout the summer – watch for announcements. Contact Steve if you have suggestions. Trails summer projects: construct mile long trail from park to Shirley Lake. Trying to secure funds to harden 4x4 trail from park to Parks Highway.

**3. Youth Forum:** Meeting July 6 at 7 pm in WCC. Property lines being surveyed, parking lot and drive upgrades ready to go to bid. Possible meeting at park on 6/11 – information will be sent via list serve.

**4. CERT:** Fire Wise safety event in May – an Emergency Fair will be held May 2018. Five members assisted Dep. of Corrections with a drill. Parade will move start to Heart of Willow – distance the same. Brenda passed out parade safety guidelines – Talon will ensure phone numbers are correct. There will be a 20 hour CERT training the first two weekends in Nov.

**5. Willow Recycling:** Tip of the month: recycle #5 garden containers at Jacobson's Greenhouse in Wasilla. Can recycle black plastic bags with other stretchy plastic. Contact Jane Newman to volunteer on recycle day. Denise at Willow transfer station can answer recycling questions.

**6. Fire Service:** There were 12 calls in May. Recruitment drive starting, have 5 applications so far.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Willow Get Together: Christa read proposal for use. Discussion followed. They provide insurance & trashcans. Parking lot in use on 6/23 – 6/25 and 7/15. Need a parking lot use agreement and insurance guidelines for overnight camping.

The chair appointed the following committee to determine parking lot use agreement: Patti White, Christa Andrews, Jim Rogers, Carrie Smolden and Talon Boeve.

**MOTION:** Approve WGT use of parking lot through 6/10-6/11. Motion seconded.

**VOTE:** Passed unanimous.

### **New Business**

1. Steve discussed DNR oil and gas exploration. Comment deadline is 6/23.

**MOTION:** Send a letter to DNR asking they accept WACO comments after the 6/23 deadline and invite them to 7/10 WACO meeting. Motion seconded.

**VOTE:** Passed unanimous.

### **At-Large Representative Reports:**

1. Talon attended CERT HIPPA training,
2. Carrie talked about vandalism and trails.
3. Amber mentioned a 40-acre plot at corner of Crystal Lake Road and Willow Creek Parkway has been cleared and will be sold in 5-acre parcels.

### **Community Groups/Clubs**

1. **Chamber of Commerce:** No report.
2. **Community Enrichment:** No report.
3. **Library:** Discussed June activities. Memorial day weekend 5K race had 50+ people. Summer reading began June 1 with over 50 kids participating. State money left over from Talkeetna project will be coming to Willow Library.
4. **Lion's Club:** No report.
5. **Willow Health Organization:** No report.
6. **Willow Historical Wildlife Foundation:** Meeting on 6/14 at 7 pm in old log building.
7. **Willow Dog Musers Association:** No report.
8. **Garden Club:** Library garden is being renovated. Solstice Celebration is 6/24 from 12:30 – 4 pm at George and Dorthea's.
10. **PTA:** School is out for the summer.

### **Persons to be Heard/Announcements:**

1. Kathy Watkins said Sunshine Community Health Clinic hired 2 new providers, updated dental and x-ray facilities at Willow clinic. Need new board members.
2. John Spitzburg said the Veterans Community Care Group is looking for veterans with physical, dental, mental conditions who may not have medical insurance or care.
3. If there are any concerns with WCC building call Jim Rogers 507-317-6502

Adjourned 8:53 pm. Next Meeting July 10.

SUBMITTED:

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Secretary

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Date

APPROVED:

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Harry Banks, Chair

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Date