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Meeting Minutes

Date: July 10, 2017

Occasion: General Meeting

Called to Order: 7:04 pm

Quorum: Board Quorum and Community Quorum present.

Agenda: Approved as written.

Minutes: June 5, 2017 minutes approved as written.

Borough Assembly Report: Randall gave an update on recreation bond. Gray Wolf is the architect for the design of skating rink; construction should begin early 2018. Willow Park moving forward – trail will be flagged from pond to parking lot and trail constructed by mid August. School sales tax introduced – ordinance #17-093 scheduled for vote August 1st to determine if will be on fall ballot

Officer Reports:

- 1. Secretary:** Need agenda items one day before posted – not the day of posting. Thanks to all who helped make the 4th of July picnic and parade a success. Sunshine clinic, Talkeetna, will have picnic on August 12, 2-5. All are invited.
- 2. Treasurer:** Handed out his monthly report.
- 3. Vice Chair:** Jim was contacted by Senior Center regarding bushes along fence so he cleaned up the fence line. Chaired committee for parking lot use and made a garbage can for WCC that can't be stolen.
- 4. Chair:** Handed out his monthly activity report. Has appointed John Spitzberg as Parliamentarian and Sargent of Arms.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Carnival:** Carnival 2018 planning meetings will start in August.
- 2. Trails:** Trails summer projects: construct mile long trail from park to Shirley Lake. Talked about getting easements for Hessler/Norris trails and new trailhead.
- 3. Youth Forum:** Moving forward on park. Thanks to Scott Thompson at Willow Creek Art Gallery for making sign for park.
- 4. CERT:** Helped with 4th of July parade. Thanked Tom Phillips for helping move parade through school parking lot. There will be a 20-hour CERT training the first two weekends in Nov. CERT has donated 480 hours of time to community.
- 5. Willow Recycling:** Spenard Builders donated cloth bags to give out at 4th of July parade. Last Saturday 61 households recycled. Recycle will make presentations at summer reading program.
- 6. Fire Service:** There were 15 calls in June. ISO rating changed from 8B to 6. Put in bid on 4 wheel drive rescue engine and also may obtain a fire truck.

Unfinished Business

- Parking lot use agreement committee report.
MOTION: Accept parking lot use agreement as written. Motion seconded.
Discussion followed and several changes were suggested.
MOTION: Table the motion until committee meets again and makes new recommendations.
VOTE: Passed unanimous.
- Review Patti White request to use parking lot for WGT.
MOTION: Allow WGT to continue to use gravel parking lot until a policy is in place.
Motion seconded
VOTE: Passed unanimous.

3. Letter to DNR regarding area open for resource exploration. (Letter on file)
MOTION: Adopt letter as written and sent to DNR. Motion seconded.
Discussion followed as Steve spoke to the issue that the proposed area includes a large portion of WACO area much of which is residential or used for recreation.
VOTE: Passed unanimous.

New Business

1. Audit recommendations. (On file)
MOTION: Accept audit committee summary and recommendations as documented. Motion seconded.
Discussion followed regarding double signature on checks.
VOTE: Passed by majority.
Amendment to Motion: Require 2 signatures for checks over \$1,000 on all WACO accounts.
VOTE on Amendment: 16 yes 18 no Amendment fails.

MOTION: Amend original motion to approve audit committee recommendations 1 and 3. Motion seconded.
VOTE: Passed by majority
2. Willow Dog Musher's Association (WDMA) request to use gaming permit for Willow 300.
MOTION: WACO will allow Willow 300 2018 sled dog race to use WACO gaming permit.
Motion seconded.
VOTE: Passed unanimous.
3. Discussion regarding Borough Assemblyman. Harry said this was misworded and was about a recall. A recall is a petition procedure and WACO has no standing to make petitions.

At-Large Representative Reports:

1. Bill said the Willow Library Association applied for 1.4 million for library and the application passed – this is the first step in funding the new library. Have until July 31 to complete application for second step.
2. Talon attended several meetings.
3. Amber had no report.
4. Carrie said there will be a committee meeting on parking lot procedure Monday the 17th at 1:30 in WCC. Revenue share applications are due July 15th. Some people had a few questions about LNG line.

Harry appointed Todd Smolden, Jim Rogers and Amber to the Revenue Share Committee.

Community Groups/Clubs

1. **Chamber of Commerce:** Outhouse is available to community and airplane folks. This is a trade for community use of Willow Lake in winter. Chamber helped with Willow Clean Up. Business Leader of the Year and Willow Pioneer are nominated – board will choose next week.
2. **Community Enrichment:** No report.
3. **Library:** Discussed July activities. 220 books handed out at 4th of July parade. Summer reading program has 50 – 70 kids each week. Look for a DVD sale and swap in September.
4. **Lion's Club:** Program for Willow youth 6th grade and up will be held July 17th. Community calendar is in full swing. Hope to have it in the mail by September.
5. **Willow Health Organization:** Farmer's Market started.
6. **Willow Historical Wildlife Foundation:** Open house for 4th of July was very successful. Meeting with Alaska Historical Preservation Group this month and old log building may be nominated to Historical Register.
7. **Willow Dog Musher's Association:** No report.
8. **Garden Club:** Garden tour July 22. Meet at library garden at 9:45 am
10. **PTA:** No report.

Persons to be Heard/Announcements:

1. John Spitzburg talked about Robert's Rules.
2. Herman spoke on how the old log building has been turned into a nice museum and hoped the building will stay in Willow.
3. Todd said Gold Torrent will have a meeting in early fall in Willow with a DOT representative present.
4. Vern Halter said the Borough wants to quick claim old log building to WACO and then let WACO have a

management agreement with Borough. Currently building is privately owned and is on Borough land.

5. Jim Norcross said he hopes people can work together on building.

6. Talon gave her opinion that she would like to see a management agreement with WACO and WHWF on building.

Adjourned 9:33 pm. Next Meeting August 7

SUBMITTED:

Secretary Date

APPROVED:

Harry Banks, Chair Date