

General Membership Meeting

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April 11th, 2012 7:00 PM

Big Lake Elementary School

Meeting Minutes

1. President Bill Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was established with the following board members being present: Jim Faiks, Jim Hutton, Dan Mayfield, Margaret Billinger, Ina Mueller. Gary Swearer absence was excused.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion made and seconded. The Agenda was approved by unanimous consent
4. The minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting were approved with the following corrections: Item eight (8) change second to last word in paragraph from "airport" to "aircraft". Item 14, New Business, paragraph a., delete "tabled for next meeting" from end of paragraph.
5. Program: Non-Scheduled
6. Persons to be heard: **3 min max**
7. Reports: **3 min max**
 - a. Borough Assembly report
 - a. Community Council Ordinance regarding resident and non-resident voting rights. President Kramer gave the following report. MSB Ordinance which would give the authority of individual Community Councils to amend their respective bylaws and allow non-resident property owners voting rights was defeated by the Assembly with a vote of 5-2. BLCC testified against the proposed ordinance. Most testifying against the ordinance felt that voting should be by the residents under the constitutionally principle of "one person, one vote" based on residency.
 - b. Road Service Area Report
Jim Clemenson gave road report and stated roads were being maintained and for the most part going smoothly. Meeting Schedule 2nd Qtr. May 10th, 3rd Qtr. Aug 9th, 4th Qtr. Nov. 8th.
 - c. Fire Service Area report
No report given
 - d. Treasurer's Report
Checking account balance \$664.76, Savings \$279.52
 - e. Membership report
59 paid members

f. Chamber of Commerce Report

Rosa Shilanski informed BLCC members that there would be a MEA candidate forum at the Monday, April 16 Chamber lunch meeting held at 12:00pm at the BL Family Restaurant. Four (4) candidates are scheduled to be present.

g. Trails

Dan Mayfield stated trail grooming was largely complete for the season and they had overwhelming support from comments (200+) they had received from the community and very few negatives (3 +/-). Dan stated that all organizations responsible for both North and South portions of the BL trail system had received high marks for their respective efforts. Dan stated that Big Lake Trails, Inc. would likely be requesting a letter of support from the BLCC in support of additional future grants. Tabitha Nardini spoke for the Aurora Dog Musers group and discussed a possible need for educating the motorized trail users with regards to encounters with dog teams.

h. School Report

Principal John Simon discussed the possibility of trail training at the elementary school level to educate early with regards to the need to correctly respond when encountering a dog team on the local trail system. John thanked the Shilanski's for meeting the need of BL elementary school children by providing tennis shoes to those in need. BL Elementary will be receiving funds from the recent bond proposition. The actual scope of work to be completed and a timeline is still being discussed with both the MSB and School District. Additional information will be provided as learned.

8. Committee Reports: **2 min max**

a. Transportation

a. Update on Parks Hwy 4 lane divided vs 5 lane with center suicide turn.

BLCC needs to remain active in this issue. Opponents to the current design are seeking support of a 5 lane highway with center suicide turn lane in order to provide continuous access (left turn directly off Parks Hwy.) to their properties. BLCC submitted resolution in support of the current 4 lane divided design and need to remain active in voicing our concern that safety should be the top priority when considering any potential changes to the current design. Additional meetings are scheduled and indicated in the announcement section of the agenda/minutes.

b. Update on South Big Lake Re-alignment

The MSB has agreed to accept and manage the Big Lake Road realignment project. The current version of SB 160 contains the money (approx. 9 million) that would go towards funding the project. The allocation of funds seems to have the support needed but still needs to be passed by the full body and signed by the Governor.

c. Stewart Lake and West Lake Road Lake Access

BLCC received an email from the MSB Public Works director stating a design/plan for the West Lakes road Lake access along with money was being pursued. Stewart Lake was still considered very much unresolved and we agreed as a community council that we would continue to support the process.

b. Incorporation

June 1st goal to turn in application to local boundary commission. Committee is meeting twice a week. Monday mornings at 9:00am and Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. All meetings are at BL family restaurant. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

c. Community Grants

The Grant committee's proposal for the recommended funding of four (4) community grants was presented for a vote by the general membership. The following projects were presented for approval:

Big Lake Lions Club, \$10,000 grant for an alarm system at the BL Recreation Center.

Pirates of Dollar Lake, \$2,500 grant for advertising for next fall's production.

Big Lake Library, \$3,380 grant to upgrade security system by installing security Cameras.

Big Lake Recycling, \$2,000 grant to provide a recycling bin for Big Lake area use.

Big Lake Community, \$2,320 grant for funding community sponsored or supported local events.

Total amount of awarded grants \$20,200.00

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the grant committee's recommended list of community grants be approved as submitted.

9. Correspondence

10. Land Use/ Platting

Sunset View Resort application to remove interior property lines. Motion was made and seconded to go on record with "no objection". Approved with no objection.

11. Unfinished Business/Action Items:

- a. Next Action Item, 11-1 Bill to contact Alaska State Trooper and open dialog concerning increased crime statistics and available options our community has with regards to preventative measures that can assist law enforcement.

12. New Business

- a. CIP process needs committee work to review past and present CIP list in order to prioritize and re-submit in accordance with new MSB process and timeline. Committee was formed. President appointed Dan Mayfield as committee chair. The following Council members volunteered to serve on the committee. Jay Nolfi, Margaret Billinger, Yvonne Ruth, Ken Walsh and Tabitha Nardini. BLCC formally requested extension from MSB Sara Jansen to June 15th, 2012 and was told that is the date the MSB needs to be done with its work regards CIP lists. We should set a Committee deadline of May 30th to have our committee work complete.
- b. Request by Big Lakes Lions for letter of support by BLCC for Phase II of Big Lake Recreation center. Motion made and seconded to write letter of support from BLCC passed unanimously. Lions will need two letters...one for Mat-Su Health and the other for Rasmuson

13. Announcements

- a. 4/9 Incorporation meeting 9:00am BL family restaurant.
- b. 4/9 Houston City Council Work session. Present update on BL Incorporation plans.
- c. 4/10 City of Wasilla Planning Commission meeting regarding Parks Hwy Resolution 7:00pm.
- d. 4/16 BL Incorporation meeting 9:00am BL family restaurant.
- e. 4/18 BL Incorporation meeting 6:30pm BL family restaurant.
- f. 4/19 MSB Platting Board meeting 8:30am Assembly chambers regarding ROW for Parks Highway
- g. 4/23 BL Incorporation meeting 9:00am BL family restaurant.
- h. 4/25 Transportation advisory board meeting (TAB) 2:30pm Assembly Chambers
- i. 4/25 BL Incorporation meeting 6:30pm BL family restaurant.
- j. Big Lake Community Health Fair 8:00-12:00pm Big Lake Elementary
- k. 4/30 BL Incorporation meeting 9:00am BL family restaurant.
- l. 4/30 Parks Highway Presentation 4:00-7:00pm Menard Sports Center
Add Health Fair April 28, 8:00am to 12:00
Jay Nolfi gave update on Park Pavilion and said she is still looking for additional money and volunteer support. Bob Delouche is coordinating construction efforts and anyone interested in helping can contact Bob directly.
Ina Mueller requested any community announcements be sent to her for inclusion in the BL newsletter.

14. Board Member comment
None given.

15. Adjournment...9:13pm

Executive Board Meeting to immediately follow the Regular Membership Meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the following Board members are authorized signers on the Mat Valley Federal Credit Union Bank accounts.

William L. Kramer, President
James D. Mayfield, Vice President
Ina Mueller, treasurer

Any and all previous signers are to be removed as authorized signers.

President Kramer will take forms to Mat Valley Credit Union along with copy of the Minutes of this meeting.

Executive committee meeting adjourned...9:30pm