

NORTH PENINSULA RECREATION SERVICE AREA
MINUTES FOR JUNE 23, 2025
REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Stacy Oliva, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Stacy Oliva, Felix Martinez, Erin Bellotte, Alexa McClure and Misty Peterkin. Quorum is met.

NPRSA Staff:

Eric Eleton, Recreation Director
Nigel LaRicca, Pool Supervisor

Anne Gahm, Administrative Assistant

Public in Attendance:

Jeremy Garrett, Nikiski Resident

Carlene Hockema, Nikiski Resident

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Alexa McClure moved to approve the agenda as presented. Misty Peterkin seconded.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Alexa McClure motioned to amend the May 28, 2025 board minutes for 2a, to omit Alexa McClure from the roll call as she was not present. Erin Bellotte motioned to update the residence location of Jeremy Garrett from Kenai to Nikiski.

- b. Erin Bellotte moved to approve the minutes as amended for the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area Board Meeting, May 28, 2025. Misty Peterkin seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. None

6. PRESENTATIONS WITH PRIOR NOTICE

- a. None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

- a. Jeremy Garrett, Nikiski Resident, stated last board meeting, it was mentioned there would be a survey regarding Basketball sent out. He hasn't received a survey and so he would like to know the status as he is concerned and time running out to take advantage of feedback. He would also like to see outreach to homeschool students to improve turnout.

Eric Eleton advised the survey was sent out and the deadline is June 27th. There have also been reminder e-mails sent. This survey is specifically for Basketball and not all sports.

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General Board discussion about the survey, recommendations on further feedback options and parental involvement in organizing Basketball.

8. RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Aquatic's Report- Nigel LaRicca, Pool Supervisor

- LTS.
 - a. Classes have started with 7 group lessons, 4 Semi-private classes and 2 Tiny Tot classes.
 - b. Group Session 2 Starts July 1st and only has 1 advanced beginner spot open.
 - c. All Semi-Private lessons have been filled.
- Operations.
 - a. A new Shift Supervisor has been hired and is being brought up to speed.
 - b. Summer attendance is going well including with returning groups.

Stacy Oliva and Erin Bellotte asked for additional information about swim lessons, while Alexa McClure inquired about the new pool Shift Supervisor.

b. Recreation Report- Eric Eleton, Recreation Director

- Programs:
 - a. Summer Camp is at the halfway point of the schedule with an average of 20 participants per day.
 - b. Activity today was an Archery class and they may repeat this activity again later this summer.

c. Family Fun in the Midnight Sun Report- Eric Eleton, Recreation Director

- Held June 21st and between 3,500 and 4,000 people attended.
- Two local bands played.
- Food vendors and craft vendors gave good feedback for the event.

Carlene Hokema, Nikiski Resident, expressed that the bicycles given as prizes were not the correct size for the children that won. Eric Eleton responded this error was corrected after the first two rounds. Felix Martinez noted that some of the prizes provided by Nikiski Firefighter Assoc. were set up as prize packages instead of individual prizes. General board discussion on the topic of prizes at the event.

d. Project Report- Eric Eleton, Recreation Director

- Water Line Project.
 - a. Asphalt was completed on June 20th.
 - b. Waiting on the removal of the barricade and this project will be complete.
- Pool Remodel project

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- a. June 26th is the scheduled walkthrough for final checks.
- b. Some steps still pending ahead of walkthrough.

Misty Peterkin would like to know the status of putting the chairs out on the pool deck. Eric Eleton advised that he is waiting until the project is complete.

- NCRC Remodel
 - a. Has been put out to bid.

9. OLD BUSINESS (3 minutes/speaker per agenda item)

- a. Master Plan Preparation - Eric Eleton, Recreation Director
 - Working on the scope with Project Manager and will bring the pre-bid packet to the board for board review within the next few weeks.

General Board discussion regarding community involvement and how feedback will be collected. Board members would also like to highlight improvements completed from the previous Master Plan to the community to show their voice matters in the direction NPRSA takes.

10. NEW BUSINESS (3 minutes/speaker per agenda item)

- a. None

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. KPB Assembly Report – Peter Ribbens, KPB Assembly
 - Not present.
- b. Next Regular Board Meeting July 28th, 2025.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes/speaker)

- a. None

13. BOARD COMMENTS

- a. Stacy Oliva appreciates Alexa's perspective. She expects there to be a lot of growth in Nikiski in the next few years and wants to make sure NPRSA grows along with the new community.
- b. Felix Martinez is excited about the upcoming Master Plan. He also appreciates community members coming in person and sharing perspectives about the activities available.
- c. Erin Bellotte has been spending additional time recently at NPRSA and appreciates all the effort made by staff on a day-to-day basis.

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- d. Misty Peterkin appreciates the public coming to the board meeting and providing comments that help improve NPRSA.
- e. Alexa McClure is interested to see the outreach for the next Master Plan and hopes there is robust community involvement and feedback. Would like to see messaging about what was accomplished from the prior master plan, why the Master Plans matters. She would like the community to understand what's going on, what is coming up and how, when and why they should be involved. Also, would like to establish a standard method of communication to and from the community.

14. ADJOURN

- a. Misty Peterkin moved to adjourn at 7:12pm. Erin Bellotte seconded.