

Introduced by: Bagley, Mayor, Dunne
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Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2017-061**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE TSALTESHI TRAILS
ASSOCIATION TO SECURE A RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT
FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA**

WHEREAS, the Tsalteshi Trails Association (“TTA”) leases Kenai Peninsula Borough (“borough”) lands adjacent to Skyview Middle School; and

WHEREAS, ordinance 2017-08 authorized additional acres to TTA for trail expansion through a 20-year “Community Trail Management Agreement”; and

WHEREAS, TTA has constructed ski trails, snowshoe and single-track trails in accordance with approved borough development plans; and

WHEREAS, developing ski, single-track and snowshoe trails have been successful because they are extremely popular with trail users and have enjoyed great community support; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to contract specialized expertise in mini-trail construction equipment and design to continue building a safe and sustainable bike and snowshoe trail system; and

WHEREAS, the TTA trails system provides valuable outdoor year-round recreation opportunities for borough residents; and

WHEREAS, the ability for TTA to maintain and properly provide safe user friendly trails is a standard that has been established; and

WHEREAS, events, including cyclo-cross and other bike races held on the TTA trails have brought people from around the borough, state and world to our community; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alaska Division of Public Health (2013), 79 percent of Alaskan high school students do not meet the physical activity recommendation of 60 minutes every day and 74 percent of Alaskan adults do not meet the aerobic and muscle strengthening physical activity recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the TTA trails system provides centrally located trails within woodland surroundings and together with its contagious popularity, it encourages healthy activities for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the TTA trails system was one of the training grounds for Allie Ostrander, one of the world's fastest distance runners; and

WHEREAS, the new trails system will provide for year round, non-motorized use including fat-bikes and skijor with dogs during the winter season; and

WHEREAS, TTA is applying for a two-year Recreational Trails Program grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the State of Alaska to build four miles of ski, skijor, snowshoe and single-track trails at TTA trails south of Isaak Road; and

WHEREAS, the Recreational Trails Program grant is administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, but the funds come from Federal Highway Trust Fund and the funding is already committed by the federal government for 2017; and

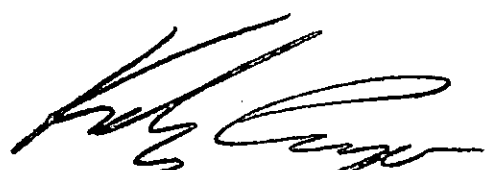
WHEREAS, the assembly has previously supported TTA's efforts in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 to secure Recreational Trails Program grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the assembly supports the efforts of the Tsalteshi Trails Association to secure a two-year Recreational Trails Program grant from the State of Alaska.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

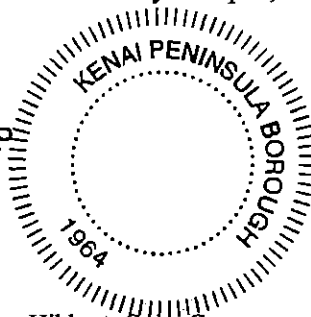
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.



Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



- Yes: Bagley, Carpenter, Dunne, Fischer, Hibbert, Ogle, Cooper
- No: None
- Absent: Schaefer