Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Max Best, Planning Director M

DATE: August 15, 2018

RE: Vacation of the 20-foot-wide non-motorized public access pedestrian easement on Lots 5

and 6 Saxton's Birch Acres 2015 Addition as dedicated on Saxton's Birch Acres 2015 Addition, Plat SW 2015-18. The public access easement being vacated is unconstructed and located within the NW 1/4 of Section 3, Township 9 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. KPB File 2018-072V. <u>Petitioners</u>:

Birch Acres, LLC, Eric Parsons, and Julie M. Fields of Anchorage, AK.

In accordance with AS 29.40.140, no vacation of a Borough right-of-way and/or easement may be made without the consent of the Borough Assembly.

During their regularly scheduled meeting of August 13, 2018, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission granted approval of the proposed public access pedestrian easement vacation by unanimous consent based on the following findings of fact. This petition is being sent to you for your consideration and action.

Findings:

- 1. The two 20-foot wide public access easements proposed to be vacated are centered on creek beds that are seasonally inundated.
- Two alternative 20-foot wide public access easements centered on lot lines are proposed to be granted by Saxton's Birch Acres 2018 Addition subdivision plat that will finalize the vacations if approved.
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- The two 20-foot wide alternative public access easements are approximately 150 to 200 feet from the creek beds.
- Sufficient rights-of-way and public access easements exist or will be granted by plat to serve surrounding properties.
- No surrounding properties will be denied access.
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- 9. Per the submittal, the public access easements proposed to be vacated are not in use by utility providers.

Draft, unapproved minutes of the pertinent portion of the meeting and other related materials are attached.

cc: petitioners' w/minutes only

AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Staff Report given by Scott Huff

<u>Purpose as stated in petition</u>: The current easement is located on a low lying seasonal creek bed, which is densely covered in vegetation and not practical for foot traffic. The proposed plat will dedicate and provide equal or better easement access in the same general location. The proposed easements provide a better layout for new subdivision design. The existing easements promote bank erosion on the creek bed, while the new easements will be dedicated on higher ground.

PC Meeting: 8/13/18

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Comments Received:

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KPB Planner: No local option zone or material site issues.

KPB Roads Maintenance: No comments.

State Department of Fish & Game: ADF&G has no objection to this action as an alternative public access easement has been dedicated.

<u>Staff Discussion</u>: Saxton's Birch Acres 2018 Addition, the plat that will finalize the proposed vacations if approved, is scheduled for review by the Plat Committee on August 27, 2018.

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- 4. The two 20-foot wide alternative public access easements are straight, shorter, and more direct routes.
- 5. The two 20-foot wide alternative public access easements are approximately 150 to 200 feet from the creek beds.
- 6. Sufficient rights-of-way and public access easements exist or will be granted by plat to serve surrounding properties.
- 7. No surrounding properties will be denied access.
- 8. The public access easements proposed to be vacated have not been constructed.
- 9. Per the submittal, the public access easements proposed to be vacated are not in use by utility providers.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on the above findings, staff recommends approval of the vacations as petitioned, subject to:

- Consent by the KPB Assembly.
- 2. Submittal of a final plat in accordance with Chapter 20 of the KPB Code within a timeframe such that recordation can take place within one year of vacation consent.

KPB 20.70.110:

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KPB 20.70.120:

- A. Denial of a vacation petition is a final act for which no further consideration shall be given by the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- B. Upon denial by the planning commission, no reapplication or petition concerning the same vacation may be filed within one calendar year of the date of the final denial action except in the case where new evidence or circumstances exist that were not available or present when the original petition was filed.

KPB 20.70.130:

THE FINAL PLAT MUST BE RECORDED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE VACATION CONSENT IN KPB 20.70.110.

END OF STAFF REPORT

Chairman Martin opened the meeting for public comment. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak Chairman Martin closed the public comment period and opened discussion among the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Bentz moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the vacation of the 20-foot wide non-motorized public access pedestrian easement on Lots 5 and 6, Saxton's Birch Acres 2015 Addition based on the following findings of fact and per staff recommendations.

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VOTE: The motion passed by unanimous consent.

BENTZ	CARLUCCIO	ECKLUND	ERNST	FIKES	FOSTER	MARTIN
YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES
MORGAN YES	RUFFNER YES	VENUTI YES	WHITNEY YES			10 YES 1 ABSENT

AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Vacation of the southernmost approximately 2,000 feet of the Dorothy Drive right-of-way as dedicated on Gruening Vista 1978 Addition, Plat HM 78-49, Gruening Vista 1986 Addition No.2, Plat HM 86-110, and Gruening Vista 1988 Addition, Plat HM 88-37. Vacation of the Lewis Place right-of-way as dedicated on Gruening Vista 1988 Addition, Plat HM 88-37, and Gruening Vista 1998 Addition Amended, Plat HM 99-12. The Dorothy Drive right-of-way being vacated is partially developed and the Lewis Place right-of-way is unconstructed. The rights-of-way being vacated are located within the SW ¼ of Section 2 and the SE ¼ of Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. File 2018-069V. Petitioners: Peter Zuyus, Kathleen Zuyus, and Richard Koskovich of Homer, AK and Spotty Merle, LLC of Peachtree City, GA. PETITION WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANTS.

The Dorothy Drive and Lewis Place right-of-way vacations petition was withdrawn by the applicants. No action was taken by the Planning Commission.

AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

State application for a marijuana establishment license; Kalifornsky Area

Staff Report given by Bruce Wall PC MEETING: August 13, 2018

Applicant: Bigfoot Bud Company LLC

Landowner: Jerry Lopez

Parcel ID#: 055-050-19

Legal Description: Lot 3, Block 3, Ravenwood Subdivision Addition No. 1, according to Plat 72-10, Kenai

Charlie Pierce Borough Mayor

August 15, 2018

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2018

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Please contact the Borough Clerk's office (907-714-2160 or 1-800-478-4441 toll-free within the borough) for additional information.

This notice and unapproved minutes of the subject portion of the meeting were sent August 15, 2018 to:

Birch Acres LLC 1481 Northview Dr. #1 Anchorage, AK 99504-2869

Edge Survey and Design, LLC 43335 K-Beach Rd Soldotna, AK 99669

Terri Marceron USDA 161 East 1st Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501-1639 Eric Parsons & Julie Fields 1510 Columbine St. Anchorage, AK 99508-3050

Kathy Harrington 15055 E Kent St. Palmer, AK 99645

Hope Sunrise Advisory Planning Commission Attention: Jim Skogstad PO Box 8 Hope, AK 99605

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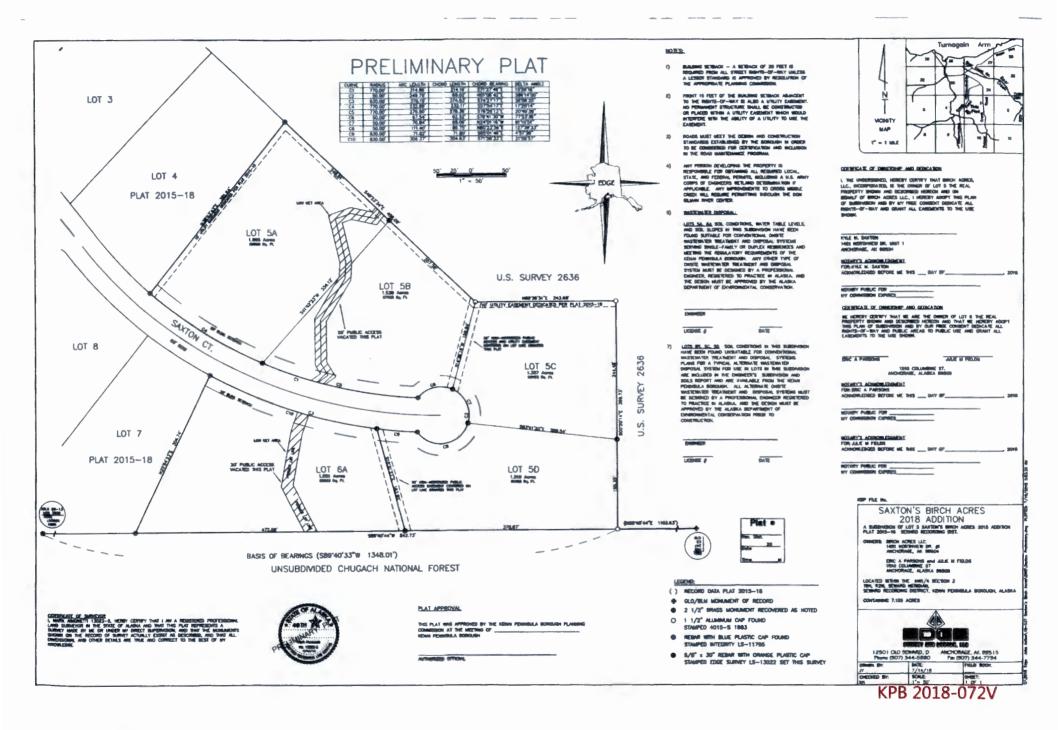
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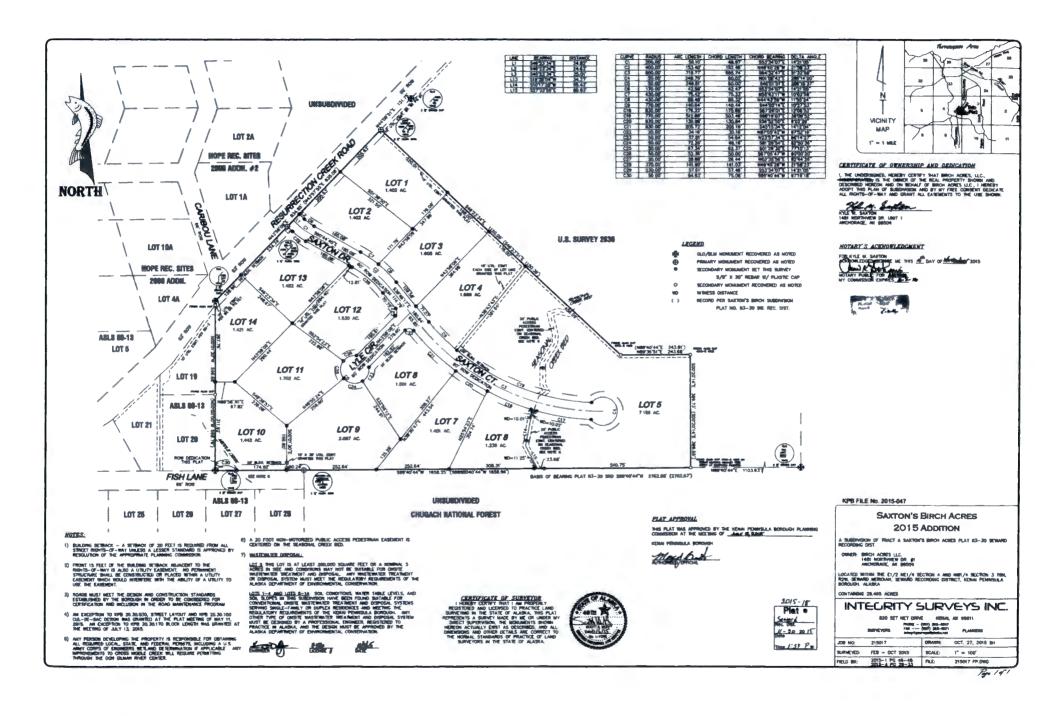
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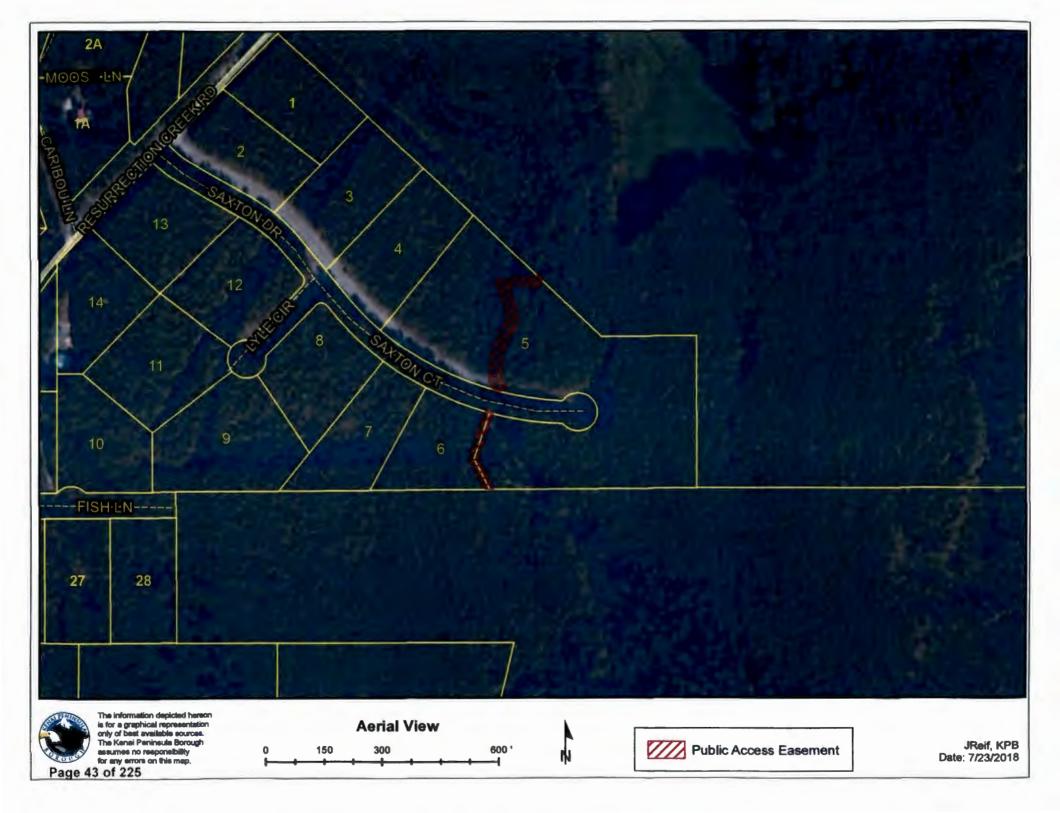
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Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department 144 North Binkley Soldotna, Alaska 99669-7599 Toll free within the Borough 1-800-478-4441, extension 2200 {907} 714-2200



Petition to Vacate Public Right-of-Way/Easement/Platted Public Area Public Hearing Required

Upon receipt of complete application with fees and all required attachments, a public hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled. The petition with all required information and attachments must be in the Planning Department at least 30 days prior to the preferred hearing date. By State Statute and Borough Code, the public hearing must be scheduled within 60 days of receipt of complete application.

	\$500 non-refundable fee to help defray costs of City Advisory Planning Commission. Copy of n of City Staff Report.	of advertising public hearing. ninutes at which this item was acted on, along with a copy				
		to be vacated is dedicated by the plat of ion, filed as Plat No. 20/5-68 in				
	Are there associated utility easements to be vi Are easements in use by any utility company? Easement for public road or right-of- Plat 20v5-x8 SRD	If so, which company No way as set out in (specify type of document) as recorded in Book Page				
ĊΣΙ	document must be submitted with petition.) Submit three copies of plat or map showing area proposed to be vacated. Must not exceed 11x17 inches in size. In the case of public right-of-way, the submittal must include a sketch showing which parcels the vacated area will be attached to. Proposed alternative dedication is to be shown and labeled on the sketch.					
	Has right-of-way been fully or partially constru- is right-of-way used by vehicles / pedestrians / is alternative right-of-way being provided?					
The petitioner must provide reasonable justification for the vacation. Reason for vacating: <u>Current easement is located on a low lying seasonal creek bed, which is densely covered in vegetation and not practical for foot traffic.</u>						
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The petition must be signed (written signature) by owners of the majority of land fronting the right-of- way, easement, or platted public area proposed to be vacated. Each petitioner must include address and legal description of his/her property.						
Subm	Name: Jason Young Address 43335 K-Beach Rd. Soldotna, Ak 99669 Jason@edgesurvey.net	Signature as: Petitioner Representative				
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Planing Department Att: Jorden Reif

August 7,2018

Referance: Vacate/ dedicate public access on Saxton Birch Acres 2015

I, Kathy Harrington, trustee and 1/7 owner of land borrdering Saxton Birch Acres, have no problem with the vacate of a non motorized public access pedestrian easement on lots 5 and 6 of Birch Saxton Acres 2015, and to dedicate a new non motorized access pedestrian easement as showen on the map. As long as there is ABSOLUTELY NO encrochment or continuation of said easement on land refered to by the family as "King Family Homestead". Located in T 9N R 2W SEC 3 Seward Meridian SW 0002636 US Survey 2636.

Thank you,

Kathy Harrington Trustee

Kachy Harrington

King Family Homestead

The UPS Store

1150 S. Colony Way, Ste 3
Palmer, AK 99645
(907)746-6245 Phone
(907)745-8787 Fax
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United States Department of Agriculture

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Forest Service **Chugach National Forest**

161 East 1st Avenue Door 8 Anchorage, AK 99501-1639

File Code:

5400

Date:

August 10, 2018

Jordan Reif 144 N. Binkley Street Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Mr. Reif:

This is in response to the petition received to vacate the following public easement in the Hope

Location and request: Vacate the 20 foot wide non-motorized public access pedestrian easement on Lots 5 and 6 Saxton's Birch Acres 2015 Addition as dedicated on Saxton's birch Acres 2015 Addition, Plat SW 2015-18. The public access easement being vacated is unconstructed and located within the NW 1/4 of Section 3, Township 9 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. KPB File 2018-072V.

We have reviewed the request and do not have any concerns with the relocation of the public access easement. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions, please contact April Dent, Realty Specialist, at (907) 743-9505 or aprilmdent@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

TERRI MARCERON Forest Supervisor

