



CITY OF WASILLA

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Non-Code Ordinance

Requested by: Administration
Prepared by: Administration

ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 95-59

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF BALLFIELDS ON 120 ACRES NEAR MYSTERY AVENUE.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

SECTION II. Findings:

- The City owns 120 acres near Mystery Avenue.
- The 120 acres are subject to Mental Health Land Trust litigation because they are former state mental health lands.
- The American Legion occupies under permit approximately 3 acres of the 120 acres for use as a baseball field.
- The City of Wasilla, with legislative grant funds, developed 10 of the 120 acres as softball fields and those fields are currently operated by the Mat-Su Softball Association under a management agreement with the City.
- The Wasilla Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, after consultation with softball, Little League and soccer organizations, determined that there was a shortage of ballfields and tournament play ballfields in the City and proposed a plan to develop additional fields on the 120-acre site.
- The Wasilla Planning Commission reviewed the Parks and Recreation Commission's plan and approved the concept of developing ballfields on the site.
- The Wasilla City Council received the Parks and Recreation Commission's plan and a recommendation to allow development of ballfields by volunteer action of ball clubs. The Council authorized the Mayor to develop scale drawings and to solicit letters of interest from ball clubs.
- The Mayor engaged Group Three Design to prepare scale drawings of a planned development of the site. The draft drawings were reviewed and amended by the Parks and Recreation Commission and ultimately propose that 23 new ballfields be built on the 120-acre site including 2 baseball, 3 Little League, 7 soccer/football, 5 soccer, 1 football/rugby and 5 softball fields. The design includes 45 foot buffers to neighboring developed lots, pedestrian trails, small nature preserve, access roads, parking, restrooms, hockey, volleyball, tennis and basketball courts, sledding hills and band shell. Cut and fill analysis indicates that most earth material is available on the 120-acre site.

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SECTION III. Enactment:

The "General Development Plan - Bumpus Recreational Area" dated July 15, 1995 by Group Three Design which sets out the planned development of 23 ballfields on the 120-acre City site near Mystery Avenue is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to proceed with development as proposed subject to Council approval of ball club development and management agreements, Council budgetary control and Planning Commission permit review.

SECTION IV.

Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

Introduction: _____

Public Hearing: _____

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Wasilla on this _____ day of _____, 1995.

John C. Stein, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marjorie D. Harris, CMC
City Clerk