



**AGENDA**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION WORK SESSION**  
**JUNE 27, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**210 FIDALGO AVENUE, KENAI, AK 99611**  
<http://www.kenai.city>

- A. Call to Order
- B. Introduction – Commission Chair
- C. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker; 30 minutes' aggregate)
- D. Discussion on Park Operating Hours – Parks & Recreation Director
- E. Commission Discussion
- F. Additional Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker; 30 minutes' aggregate)
- G. Adjournment



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# MEMO:

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**TO:** Kenai Parks & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Robert J. Frates, Parks & Recreation Director

**DATE:** June 21, 2019

**RE:** Park Operating Hours

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The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you that administration is considering limiting the operating hours for our local parks. Presently, all of the parks in our system are available for public use 24/7.

Vandalism of City property and the use of parks for inappropriate activities, particularly during late evening and early morning hours is a concern. City Administration believes that closing our parks for certain periods of the day will protect our park assets and improve the public's safety.

Park operating hours were last discussed in 2013, and at that time, only a small handful of park locations were examined. I think for standardization and enforcement purposes, all park locations should have the same operating hours. The affected areas would include:

- Beaver Creek Park
- Cunningham Park (special provisions may apply)
- Daubenspeck Park
- Eric Hansen Scout Park
- Fourth Ave Park
- Leif Hansen Memorial Park
- Municipal Park
- Old Town Park
- Skate Park
- Kenai Little League complex
- East End Park (Eagle Disc Golf Course and trails)

The table below contains the operating hours from other municipalities in Alaska:

<b>Community</b>	<b>Park Hours of Operation</b>
City of Soldotna	3:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Municipality of Anchorage	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
City of Seward	7:00 a.m. or Dawn to 10:00 p.m. or Dusk
City of Wasilla	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

City Administration is recommending park operational hours be limited to 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. While parks are closed, entering, remaining, stopping or parking within the confines of the park would be prohibited. Furthermore, the City will have the ability to temporarily suspend hours under certain situations such as for special events or activities approved by the City.

I look forward to your thoughts and ideas and please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.