



## Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 11:30 AM

City Hall Overflow Room - CH-116  
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

**Members:** Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Sherry Murray, Vice-Chairperson; Gabe Ostyn; Corey King; Kevin Jensen; Jade Titus; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth

### 1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Sherry Murray was acting Chairperson for this meeting.

Sherry Murray called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:** Sherry Murray, Vice-Chairperson; Corey King; Gabe Ostyn (11:45 a.m.); Kevin Jensen; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth (online); Jade Titus (online, 12:36 p.m.)

**Members Absent:** Kirk Melton, Chairperson.

**Council-liaison (absent):** Greg Lanting

**Staff Present:** Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Kevin Skelton, Parks Superintendent; John Pauley, Aquatics Director; Elois Joseph, Parks Administrative Assistant.

### 2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the meeting minutes from the November 9, 2021, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
- b) Request to remove a tree at 214 9th Ave. N.
- c) Request to accept a bench donation from City of Twin Falls staff in honor of Patrick "Woody" Cullen

**MOTION:** Corey King moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Micheal Metcalf seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

### 3) Items of Consideration

- a) Commission Review of Parks for Facility Enhancement Plans  
Wendy Davis explained the item. Commissioners were provided a list of facilities and improvements that were part of the Parks Master Plan. The Parks Master Plan was discussed.

The three facilities are Harrison Park, Oregon Trail Youth Complex, and Morning Sun Park.

The following was discussed:

1) Harrison Park:

Parking was discussed as a concern with this facility. The Park is 2 acres and is classified as a neighborhood park. The following improvements were discussed:

- The inclusion of restrooms
- Creating a Storybook themed playground was discussed; however, parking was identified as a major concern.
- The inclusion of a Pavilion/Structure with a BBQ grill
- Seating near playground
- Improved trash cans for aesthetic
- Overall beautification of the park

Discussion ensued regarding the backstop at the facility.

Discussion ensued regarding lighting in the park. The potential of solar powered lighting was discussed. Lighting on the picnic shelter and restroom was discussed.

2) Oregon Trail Youth Complex:

The Park is 20.5 acres and classified as a community park. The commission agreed with the suggested improvements listed in the existing Facility Improvement plan. The following additional improvements were discussed:

- Adding more playground wood chips
- Painting/Resurfacing basketball courts, addressing the hoops
- Replacing a tennis nets/ replacing the tennis courts with a pickleball court
- Focus on the Northeast corner of the park, with restrooms and a pavilion.

Discussion ensued regarding getting the community feedback for improvements.

Discussion ensued regarding funding mechanisms for facility improvements. Commissioners gave suggestions for obtaining community feedback including:

- Putting out a survey on Facebook
- Having a survey built and distributed through StackRock
- Handing out flyers at the school that directs parents to participate in the survey

3) Morning Sun Park:

The Park is 3 acres and is classified as a neighborhood park. The following improvements were discussed:

- The inclusion of restrooms
- Inclusion of trees around the playground to provide shade
- Adding more playground wood chips
- Adding more trashcans
- Including placement of an activity, such as horseshoe pits, or bocce ball
- Including a walking/bike path around the rim, with signage including lap-to-distance

conversions and variations in slope.

- Discussion ensued regarding a BMX/Pump-Track at this facility

Discussion ensued regarding the park as a water retention area.

Commissioners were tasked with coming up with questions for the survey to be considered at the next meeting.

#### **4) Department Updates**

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John Pauley gave an update on the pool, including the following:

- Pool liner to be placed in February 2022
- PVC membrane commercial application
- plaster will be repaired, membrane will go on top of the plaster
- the pool will be closed off for this maintenance, no committed re-open date. March 2022 is the range for when the pool will re-open if all goes as planned.

Kevin Jensen gave an update on the golf course, including the following:

- Men's leagues are getting ready for next season
- All tournaments will be held in 2022
- Addition of 6 aspen trees
- Some concrete work will be completed at this facility

Discussion ensued regarding the new flooring in the clubhouse that is scheduled for installation in January 2022.

#### **5) Adjournment**

Sherry Murray adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elois Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

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Elois Joseph, Recording Secretary