



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 11:30 AM

City Council 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

Kirk Melton called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Sherry Murray, Vice-Chairperson; Gabe Ostyn (11:52 a.m.); Corey King; Jade Titus; Ashley Squires; Heather Muth (online)

Members Absent: Kevin Jensen; Micheal Metcalf.

Council Liaison (present): Craig Hawkins

Staff Present: Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager; Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor; Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent; John Pauley, Aquatics Supervisor; Elois Joseph, Parks Administrative Assistant.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes from the February 8, 2022 meeting.
- b) Consider a request to remove trees at 224 Pierce Ave.
- c) Consider a request to remove trees at 504 Lynwood
- d) Consider a request to remove trees 611 3rd Ave.

MOTION: Jade Titus moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Ashley Squires seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Consider a request from Joan Spencer for a donation of a bench on the Canyon Rim Trail

Wendy Davis presented the request.

A brief discussion ensued whether a background check was done on the individuals who submit requests.

MOTION: Sherry Murray moved to approve the request as presented. Corey King seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined that all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

- b) Discuss City Council Direction to Develop Park Use Philosophy for Events

Wendy Davis presented the item:

- Shoshone Falls After Dark 2022 and their use of the facility (Shoshone Falls Park) was discussed.
- Commissioners were asked to discuss the challenges and considerations for this type of event.

Discussion ensued regarding what fees were charged by the group hosting the show, and what fees were charged by the City of Twin Falls for the use of the facility.

- Commissioners asked about how general park use fees are currently implemented at City facilities, including City Park.
- The hours of operation at Shoshone Falls were discussed as dawn to dusk, with dusk defined as 30 minutes before sunset.
- Commissioners discussed the wear and tear on the facility as a potential concern
- Restrooms and garbage were discussed as potential challenges; however, Shoshone Falls After Dark brings porta-potties and trash receptacles.

Discussion ensued regarding the ecological impacts, including the water flow and the requested augmented flow at Shoshone Falls.

Southern Idaho Tourism's operation was discussed in terms of providing opportunities to generate tourism revenue in the City of Twin Falls.

Discussion ensued regarding the concerns with allowing a group to use a public space as a venue and to exclude people from the use of the facility.

The concern that the facility is not designed to be used in the dark due to potential hazards.

The City Pool and the Airport were discussed as examples of facilities where a leases are used for individuals or organizations.

Discussion ensued regarding the discussion of Park philosophy for the next meeting – park reservations and the use of space, if fee structures need to be implemented, and how the City should partner/cooperate with these types of events.

The commissioners asked staff about the legality of leasing the space for this type of event versus going through the traditional Parks permit process. The Golf Course, restaurant at the Golf Course, and concession stands were discussed as leased spaces. The contracting process for leasing was discussed. The facility improvements required to make the facility usable after dark was mentioned

No action was taken on this item.

The Commission recognized Commissioner Gabe Ostyn for his 6 years of service as a Commissioner. Gabe Ostyn made a brief speech as this was his last meeting.

4) Department Updates

a) Department updates

Stacy McClintock gave the Recreation Update, including the following:

- The current recreation programs that are running
- The newsletter was passed around for commissioners to review
- Upcoming programs were discussed

John Pauley gave the City Pool Update, including the following:

- Movies at the City Pool
- The upcoming programs at the City Pool were discussed

Chance Munns gave the Parks Update, including the following:

- Parks staff have been working on the pool project
- The installation of the doors at Dierkes Lake.
- Spring season preparation

- Upcoming Arbor Day celebration as the last Friday in April at Cascade Park

5) Adjournment

- a) Site visit to City Pool to see progress of liner project

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m. Commissioners were invited to a site visit to the City Pool to see the progress of the liner project.

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.

Elois Joseph, Recording Secretary