



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 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; Debbie VanEngelen, 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 11:33 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Sherry Murray, Vice-Chairperson; Jade Titus; Micheal Metcalf; Ashley Squires; Heather Muth; Debbie VanEngelen

Members absent: Corey King; Kevin Jensen

Council liaison (present): Craig Hawkins

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

New Commissioner Debbie VanEngelen introduced herself to the Commission.

2) Consent Calendar

a) Request to approve the meeting minutes from the March 8, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

b) Consider a request to remove three (3) trees at 135 Main Ave.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Sherry Murray seconded the motion. Voice vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

a) Consider a request to remove a tree at 420 Main Ave E.

Chance Munns explained the request and the condition of the tree.

Discussion ensued regarding the condition of the other trees on the property. There are four(4) trees in total. The request for removing the tree is based on the concrete pathway and sidewalk that surrounds the tree that is in disrepair.

The current location would not be a suitable space for the replacement tree.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of waiving the requirement for a replacement tree. Acquiring a replacement tree to be planted at an alternate location was discussed.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the removal of the tree with a requirement that the owner provide a replacement tree to be placed at an alternate location determined by the Parks department. Jade Titus seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined that all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Discussion ensued regarding replacement of the tree and the willingness to waive the requirement in consideration of the owner's pursuit of beautifying the downtown area. The cost of the tree and installation was discussed as minimal.

- b) Consider a request to remove a tree at 201 Hansen St. E.

Chance Munns presented the request.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the request as presented. Sherry Murray seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined that all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

- c) Consider a request to remove a tree at 327 8th Ave N.

Chance Munns presented the request, including the following:

- The tree was being pruned without proper permission; and was cited by Code Enforcement.

MOTION: Jade Titus moved to approve the request for removal. Sherry Murray seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Discussion ensued whether the tree would survive. Staff determined that it would not survive with the damage done due to the topping/pruning.

- d) Request to determine the penalty recommendation for tree ordinance violations at 327 8th Ave. N, Twin Falls Idaho

Wendy Davis explained the request including the code violation infractions. The involved individuals in this situation were mentioned.

The assessed value of the tree by an arborist or appraiser was discussed as a method to understand the value of the tree.

Chance Munns discussed the recommendations and arborist review, and the assessment of the

value of a tree based on the calculations.

The need to revisit the Tree Ordinance was discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding the Commissions role in assessing the penalty amount. The role was clarified to be to make a recommendation to the city attorney to pursue legal action, set a fine and to seek restitution for the tree. The Commission can confirm the arborist's assessment as an appropriate value of the tree.

MOTION 1: Sherry Murray moved to recommend pursuing a fine and a restitution in an amount determined by a certified arborist or appraiser. This motion was not seconded or voted on.

MOTION 2 (amended): Sherry Murray moved to recommend pursuing a fine equal to or less than the monetary value as assessed by a certified arborist and pursuing restitution determined by a certified arborist or appraiser. Ashley Squires seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of the fine, it was clarified that the City would work within the legal parameters to pursue the fine and restitution.

e) Continue Park Use Philosophy Discussion

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

4) Department Updates

a) Department updates

Jade Titus left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

John Pauley gave an update on the City Pool, including the re-opening of the City Pool after the maintenance project and the community's positive feedback on the new pool liner.

Jade Titus returned to the meeting at 12:52

Stacy McClintock gave an update on the Recreation Department, including current and upcoming programs, outdoor events. The upcoming Egg Hunt and Roaring 20's collaboration with the Municipal band were mentioned.

Chance Munns gave an update on the Parks Department, including the maintenance and preparation of the Parks for the upcoming season, re-opening of restrooms, and the upcoming Earth Day 2022 event. Arbor Day will be held at Cascade Park with the planting of 9 trees.

Wendy Davis spoke about the Free Wall – Legal Graffiti Wall in collaboration with Canyon Ridge

High School students located on a wall on the building across the street from the Parks office.

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:07 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.

Elois Joseph, Recording Secretary