



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 11:30 AM

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

- 1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order
- 2) Consent Calendar
 - a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the meeting minutes for the August 9, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.
By: Elois Joseph, Parks Administrative Assistant
 - b) **ACTION ITEM:**
Consider a request to remove one Spruce at Oregon Trail Youth Complex.
By: Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent
 - c) **ACTION ITEM:** Consider a request to remove one Locust at Burgundy Parking Lot

By: Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent
 - d) **ACTION ITEM:** Consider a request to remove one Maple at Morning Sun Park

By: Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent
- 3) Items of Consideration
 - a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request for Commission input on park enhancement project priorities
By: Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent
 - b) **INFORMATIONAL:** Parks and Recreation project update
By: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director
- 4) Department Updates
 - a) Department updates
- 5) Adjournment

Any person(s) needing special accommodations to participate in the above-noticed meeting could contact Josh Palmer (208) 735-7312 at least two working days before the meeting. Si desea esta información en Español, por favor llame a Josh Palmer al teléfono (208) 735-7312.

Public Input Procedures

- 1.** Individuals wishing to provide public input regarding matters relevant to the City of Twin Falls shall
 - wait to be recognized by the Mayor or Chairman
 - approach the microphone/podium
 - state their name and address, and whether they are a resident or property owner in the City of Twin Falls, and proceed with their input.
 - 2.** The Chairman may limit input to no less than two (2) minutes. Individuals are not permitted to give their time to other speakers.
- * Any person not conforming to the above rules may be prohibited from speaking. Persons refusing to comply with such prohibitions may be asked to leave the hearing and, thereafter removed from the room by order of the Chairman.



Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Elois Joseph, Parks Administrative Assistant

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Request to approve the meeting minutes for the August 9, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

Time Estimate:

Background:

N/A

Approval Process:

A simple majority will approve this request.

Budget Impact:

There is no significant budget impact associated with this request.

Regulatory Impact:

N/A

History:

N/A

Analysis:

N/A

Conclusion:

N/A

Attachments:

1. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes August 9, 2022



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 11:30 AM

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

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

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Kirk Melton called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Debbie VanEngelen, Corey King; Kevin Jensen; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth.

Members Absent: Jade Titus, Vice-Chairperson; Ashley Squires; Sherry Murray.

Council Liaison (present): Craig Hawkins

Staff Present: Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager; Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director (online); Jonathan Spendlove, Planning and Zoning Director (11:59 a.m.); Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent; Elois Joseph, Parks Administrative Assistant.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the meeting minutes from Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on July 12, 2022.
- b) Consider a request for a tree donation with a plaque to be placed at the area of the boat dock at Shoshone Falls from Eric Ettesvold "In memory of Steve Di Lucca 7/5/58-6/7/22"

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) Continue Park Use Philosophy Discussion

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the item, including the following:

- Revisiting the current fee schedule for reservations with the City of Twin Falls by adding fees and/or increasing existing fees in consideration of large impact events.

- Adequate monetary compensation was discussed in terms of impact on the amenities and resources, wear and tear, and exclusive requested use of facilities.
- Impact to the grass was mentioned. Considering the costs of maintaining and “repairing” grass after high traffic, high impact events was mentioned. Staff was requested to get an average cost of grass maintenance post large scale events, to be added to the Park Philosophy discussion at a future meeting.
- Including an arrangement to rent facilities for atypical events was mentioned. Considering liability concerns with contracts/lease agreements was raised as a potential concern.
- Considering percent profit sharing, or a lease agreement was mentioned.
- Events or groups (classes, lessons) that compete/conflict with City programs was discussed.
- The permitting process was briefly discussed. Fees for Tennis courts was mentioned.
- The city-code rewrite to include “services” sold on property was mentioned. Services would include items such as tennis lessons, laser tag, swim lessons, etc. Permission would be required from the property owner, in the instance of Parks facilities, the Parks and Recreation director would be responsible for permitting or not permitting requested services on park premises.
- Typical use (pickleball classes on pickleball courts) vs. atypical use (Laser tag at Sunway Soccer Complex) was discussed.
- The operations at the golf course were briefly mentioned.
- Considering pricing that was adequate to recuperate costs of providing these amenities and labor was discussed.
- The City of Post Falls fee schedule was discussed as an example of categorizing use.
- For the City of Twin Falls, the following categories were considered: family use vs. organization, considering resident use vs. non-resident use, exclusivity vs. open facility use.
- Having specific facilities where exclusivity was an option was discussed (i.e., event focused park such as City Park, Shoshone Falls, etc..)
- Other City’s procedure for auctioning weekends for exclusive park use for high-demand facilities to highest bidders was mentioned.
- The City of Twin Falls’ Annual Event process was described.

4) Department Updates

a) Department updates

Commissioners were provided with hard copies of the August 2022 Department Update.

Chance Munns gave an update for the Parks Department, including the following:

- Pickleball court construction update
- TransMap data for asphalt surfaces
- Baxter's/Blake Street sidewalk

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

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

Elois Joseph, Recording Secretary



Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Consider a request to remove one Spruce at Oregon Trail Youth Complex.

Time Estimate:

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Background:

The Twin Falls Tree Commission was absorbed into the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission in 2010. This commission is being asked to review all tree removal requests and either approve or deny each as part of the Tree Commission duties.

City of Twin Falls Tree Ordinance, (Ord. 2791, 7-6-2004), 8-4-6: Notification and Permits states that:

(A) Notification: No person may perform any of the following acts without first notifying the Twin Falls parks and recreation department. Contact the Twin Falls parks and recreation department via mail, phone, fax, or e-mail at a minimum of two (2) business days prior to commencement of the proposed work. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt any person from the requirements of obtaining any additional permits as required by law:

1. Prune or otherwise disturb any public tree. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit owners of property adjacent to public rights of way from minor pruning, watering, or fertilizing such trees;

2. Attach any object to public tree(s);

3. Dig, trench, excavate or pile soil or any other materials within the critical root zone of any public tree(s);

(B) Application Procedures And Requirements: Permit application procedures and requirements for public tree(s) removal:

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3. The Twin Falls parks and recreation department may condition the approval of any permit;

4. Prior to the removal of any public, street, or alley tree, the property owner or private tree service company intending to perform the work, which is currently licensed by the city of Twin Falls, must make a request for permit. All work must be completed within thirty (30) days of issuance of said permit;

5. Whenever a public or street tree is removed, the stump of said tree shall also be removed. Permit holders shall then replace the removed tree in accordance with subsection 8-4-7(E) of this chapter. Tree replacement shall be a condition of issuance of a permit for removal, unless the Twin Falls tree commission for good cause shown waives such requirement. Tree replacement is the responsibility of the permit holder. (Ord. 2791, 7-6-2004)

The purpose of the Twin Falls Tree Ordinance is defined below:

8-4-2: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

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This chapter is enacted to:

- (A) Promote the general welfare of the community.
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- (D) Increase awareness and appreciation of maintaining a healthy community forest by both professionals and the general public.
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The City of Twin Falls Arborist Assessment

This spruce is suffering from what looks like herbicide sterilant damage from neighboring complex. Other Spruce on site are in similar condition but possibly recoverable. This spruce has enough dieback that recovery is not likely. If survived, damage would be permanently visible. Replacement tree recommended to be planted farther from property line.

This application is for the removal of one Spruce at Oregon Trail Youth Complex. Please see the attached request for permit and supporting documents.

Approval Process:

A simple majority will approve this request

Budget Impact:

City to pay contractor for removal and replace tree

Regulatory Impact:

Approval of this request enables the Parks and Recreation Director to approve the request and set conditions to insure replacement trees are planted.

History:

N/A

Analysis:

N/A

Conclusion:

Parks staff does find significant evidence meeting tree removal criteria for proposed Spruce at Oregon Trail Youth Complex. Replacement tree to be located away from low points and property line.
Twin Falls City Code 8-4-8 (C)

Attachments:

1. OTYC Removal Request (1)



City of Twin Falls Permit For Tree Removal

Today's Date * 9/2/2022

First Name * Chance

Last Name * Munns

Phone Number * (208)308-7387

Email * cmunns@tfid.org

Address of work to be done *
Street Address
305 Park Ave

Address Line 2

City

Twin Falls

Postal / Zip Code

83301

State / Province / Region

Idaho

Country

United States

The tree(s) in question reside on *
☐ Public right-of-way

☒ Public Property

Contractor Information

Contractor must be a licensed arborist with the City of Twin Falls

Company Name City of Twin Falls, Idaho

Contractor First Name * Dave

Contractor Last Name * Nebeker

Contractor Phone Number * (208)736-2265

Contractor Email * dnebeker@tfid.org

Tree Species

Tree Species * Spruce

Description of This Tree's Location on Property *
Lawn area at Oregon Trail Youth Complex

Reason for Request * Dying: likely from sterilant on neighboring property.

Signature

Chance Munns

By signing this form, I agree to abide by the conditions set herein.

Arborist Review

Comments

This spruce is suffering from what looks like herbicide sterilant damage from neighboring complex. Other Spruce on site are in similar condition but possibly recoverable. This spruce has enough dieback that recovery is not likely. If survived, damage would be permanently visible. Replacement tree recommended to be planted farther from property line.

Tree Images

File Upload

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Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Consider a request to remove one Locust at Burgundy Parking Lot

Time Estimate:

Background:

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The City of Twin Falls Arborist Assessment

This locust suffered drought from lack of irrigation during a long repair. Limited growing space and adjacency to asphalt increased transpiration and loss of moisture. Many other trees in the same parking lot are also suffering but should recover in time. This tree needs removed and replaced. Parks staff would like permission to make decision to plant the replacement tree elsewhere if it is not possible to replant island

This application is for the removal of one Locust at Burgundy Parking Lot. Please see the attached request for permit and supporting documents.

Approval Process:

A simple majority will approve this request.

Budget Impact:

City to pay contractor for the removal and replace tree

Regulatory Impact:

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History:

N/A

Analysis:

N/A

Conclusion:

Parks staff does find significant evidence meeting tree removal criteria for proposed locust at Burgundy Parking Lot. Replacement tree to be located away from low points and property line.
Twin Falls City Code 8-4-8 (C)

Attachments:

1. Burgundy parking Removal Request (1)



City of Twin Falls Permit For Tree Removal

Today's Date * 9/2/2022

First Name * Chance

Last Name * Munns

Phone Number * (208)308-7387

Email * cmunns@tfid.org

Address of work to be done *
Street Address
corner of 2nd W and Shoshone

Address Line 2

City

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Contractor Last Name * Nebeker

Contractor Phone Number * (208)736-2265

Contractor Email * dnebeker@tfid.org

Tree Species

Tree Species * Locust

Description of This Tree's Location on Property *
Parking Island

Reason for Request * Tree is dead, did not receive enough water during prolonged irrigation repair that led to decline.

Signature

Chance Munns

By signing this form, I agree to abide by the conditions set herein.

Arborist Review

Comments

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Tree Images

File Upload

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Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Consider a request to remove one Maple at Morning Sun Park

Time Estimate:

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This application is for the removal of one Maple in Morning Sun Park. Please see the attached request for permit and supporting documents.

Approval Process:

A simple majority will approve this request

Budget Impact:

City to replace tree

Regulatory Impact:

Approval of this request enables the Parks and Recreation Director to approve the request and set conditions to insure replacement trees are planted.

History:

Analysis:

Conclusion:

Parks staff does find significant evidence meeting tree removal criteria for proposed Maple in Morning Sun Park. New species replacement recommended.
Twin Falls City Code 8-4-8 (C)

Attachments:

1. Morning Sun Removal Request (1)



City of Twin Falls Permit For Tree Removal

Today's Date * 9/2/2022

First Name * Chance

Last Name * Munns

Phone Number * (208)308-7387

Email * cmunns@tfid.org

Address of work to be done *

Street Address	1658 Meadowview Lane	
Address Line 2		
City	State / Province / Region	
Twin Falls	Idaho	
Postal / Zip Code	Country	
83301	United States	

The tree(s) in question reside on *

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Company Name City of Twin Falls, Idaho

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Contractor Email * dnebeker@tfid.org

Tree Species

Tree Species * Maple

Description of This Tree's Location on Property * Morning Sun Park

Reason for Request * Tree is dying and beyond recovery with more than 75% dieback and exposed heartwood tissue.

Signature

Chance Munns

By signing this form, I agree to abide by the conditions set herein.

Arborist Review

Comments

Red and Silver Maples suffer from nutrient deficiencies and false springs in Twin Falls. In addition, Morning Sun Park has poor soil conditions that led to the death of this tree. Some physical damage on trunk expedited decline. Replacement tree of different species recommended.

Tree Images

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Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Request for Commission input on park enhancement project priorities

Time Estimate:

Allow approximately 30 minutes for discussion

Background:

Citizen input, opportunities, new department leadership and other factors all influence department priorities. As we head into budget season, staff is asking the Commission to consider the facility enhancement projects and help set priorities for funding requests.

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

Regulatory Impact:

History:

Analysis:

Conclusion:

Attachments:

None



Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director

INFORMATIONAL

Request:

Parks and Recreation project update

Time Estimate:

Allow approximately 20 minutes for presentation and questions

Background:

This is an opportunity for staff to share some of the new projects and newly acquired spaces with Commissioners.

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

Regulatory Impact:

History:

Analysis:

Conclusion:

Attachments:

None

Parks and Recreation Department Updates

Parks and Recreation Commission

September 2022

Recreation

Brandy Mason & Justin Wolters, Recreation Coordinators; Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor

FALL SOCCER: We have completed registration and the season started on Monday August 29th. We have 796 participants enrolled, with 63 volunteer coaches assisting us with making this program a success.

Year	Participants
2022	796
2021	701
2020	602
2019	776

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Registration for girls' basketball is August 22nd–September 12th. Practices will begin the week of September 26th. This year with the help of Carol Warner from the school district, we secured practice gyms at Oregon Trail, Perrine, Robert Stuart, Harrison, Rock Creek, Bickel, Pillar Falls and Morningside for youth practices. O'Leary and Robert Stuart Middle Schools will be used for Saturday games.

Youth Highland Games:

Highland games combine sport, fun and culture in a uniquely Scottish style. Heavy contests, including the hammer throw, weight for height, and many others. See competitors putting their muscles to the test. This is a free community event that will take place from 10am-1pm on Saturday October 1st at the Sunway Soccer Complex.

Parks

Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent; Jarrod Bordi, Parks Supervisor

Parks staff have been busy keeping things clean and green for everyone. In addition, we've been working on several projects.

Pickleball courts: striping this week, lights and landscape by end of month

Sunway Soccer Complex: installed retaining wall to fix grade and keep grass out of fountain

Baxter's Dog Park/Blake Street Sidewalk: new curb/gutter/sidewalk with planter strip along Blake St.

Shoshone Falls parking: new gutter to move water away from asphalt edge and direct drainage

Soil Samples: collected & analyzed soil to prescribe fall amendments and treatment plans for 10 parks

Oregon Trail Youth Complex: Parking lot has been seal coated and striped with new ADA layout

Vista Bonita Park: parking lot has been fog sealed

Transmap: completed full condition scan of parking lots and trails with imagery, will use to prioritize

Golf Course ADA ramp: still collecting bids, hoping to have contract by end of month

Thomsen Story Trail: Also collecting bids, hoping to have selection by end of month. Signs delivered

Pool

John Pauley

Golf Course

Steve Meyerhoeffer

Labor Day Weekend is the first sign our season is winding down. Our junior programs, men's and women's league and Friday Night Couples are all wrapped up for the 2022 season.

Our fall schedule is still fairly busy. The month of September brings a good number of events such as, Magic Valley Am, Library Scramble, Michelob Best Ball, Filer Boosters Fund Raiser as well as hosting a Twin Falls Bruins high school event.

We have had another very successful season as far as golfers and revenue go, however the increase in the cost of goods and expenses has cut into the bottom line. Gasoline, fertilizer, insurance, repairs and food costs are just a few of the areas where we have had to deal with substantial price increases.

Repairs on equipment to maintain the golf course and sprinkler issues have been a year long challenge that I don't see improving in the near future unless we do some upgrading. A good deal of our everyday equipment is getting old and I feel needs to be upgraded on a more efficient basis.

We are still at full staff (30) inside and outside as of Sept 1st, however over the next few months that number will drop to a bit as the weather gets cooler and days shorter.

The heat has given the maintenance staff a challenge this year but we are finally getting over the hump. Keeping the golf course fairly green but not too wet is very difficult in 100 days week after week. I was very pleased with their efforts and feel blessed to have such a good crew.

I am hoping for another nice late fall like the last several years to keep the golfers coming out and enjoying our wonderful facility.

Director's Update

Wendy Davis

With Summer coming to a close, Parks and Recreation is taking a breath and looking around. Lots of good things happened this season, not without challenges. We had record breaking park reservations and field use this season. Numbers higher than 2018 pre COVID. A positive reflection on our community recovery, and increased demands on our facilities. Difficulties finding staff make it harder to respond to the increased demands. Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake Parks saw lots of visitors despite the low water year, many enjoyed the lake for a cool respite from the hot days of July and August. Park security did a great job of maintaining a positive atmosphere at the lake in the absence of lifeguards. Difficulty staffing the ticket booth regularly resulted in what appears to be lower numbers of visits, but more likely the result of our inconsistent tracking. We saw increased vandalism in the parks, especially the restrooms, all season. Recreation experienced staffing shortages as well, and spent more time onsite during the season. The positive in all this, is that people are healthy, getting outside, and enjoying our programs, spaces and facilities!

We have some exciting opportunities to expand our park system with the addition of a new section of canyon rim trail in partnership with MaVTEC at Riverbend subdivision, the purchase of property adjacent to

Vista Bonita Park, and the acquisition of park land on the east side of town as part of a new subdivision at Hankins Road and Elizabeth Blvd.

I love being on the trails and seeing people walking, connecting, exploring and sightseeing. My favorite being the pure joy on the faces of an older couple riding past me on their e-bicycles on Morning Sun Trail. I love going to the park and witnessing people playing tennis, throwing frisbees, playing softball, having a picnic, splashing in the water, swinging on the swing set, or laying in the shade. Any time I get discouraged by the daily frustrations of managing Parks and Recreation, I go outside, visit one of our spaces, and revel in the smiles I see. It makes it all worth it. Every. Day.