



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, November 8, 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; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Sherry Murray; Kevin Jensen; Heather Muth.

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Kirk Melton called the meeting to order at approximately 11:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Jade Titus, Vice-Chairperson; Debbie VanEngelen (12:02 p.m.), Corey King; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Sherry Murray (11:45 a.m.)

Members absent: Kevin Jensen; Heather Muth.

Council liaison (present): Craig Hawkins

Staff present: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent (11:56 a.m.); Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor; John Pauley, Aquatics Supervisor; Steve Meyerhoeffer, General Manager, Twin Falls Golf Club; Elois Joseph, Parks Administrative Assistant.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the September 13, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Corey King moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Michael Metcalf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton: yes, Jade Titus: yes, Corey King: yes, Ashley Squires: yes, Micheal Metcalf: yes. Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Annual Golf Course Report

Hardcopies of the report were distributed to commissioners and staff for reference. Steve Meyerhoeffer gave the annual golf course report including the following:

- improvements that were made this year including resodding and levelling areas around the golf course.
- Outdoor restrooms were upgraded
- concerns regarding the sprinkler system and mowers. Dry grass due to the summer weather was mentioned
- golf course use and participation was successful in spite of the above mentioned concerns with the course during the summer months.
- Income (revenue) to the facility has increased, with the recent population increase in the Magic Valley.

Councilmember Hawkins and Parks and Recreation Director Wendy Davis shared positive feedback from the community regarding the Twin Falls Golf Club.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost-revenue margin for the Twin Falls Golf Club.

Sherry Murray joined the meeting at approximately 11:45 a.m.

b) Request to raise Twin Falls Golf Club fees less than 5%

Wendy Davis introduced the request. Steve Meyerhoeffer provided copies of the proposed fee increases to the group. An increase of 5% would go into the employment costs and maintenance.

Discussion ensued regarding the demographic served at the golf course.

Concerns were raised about if the increase was adequate considering the current market.

MOTION: Sherry Murray moved to approve the request to raise the Twin Falls Golf Club fees less than 5%. Corey King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton: yes, Jade Titus: yes, Corey King: yes, Ashley Squires: yes, Micheal Metcalf: yes, Sherry Murray: yes. Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

c) Report on Parks Department Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Requests (SLFRF)

Discussion ensued regarding the following improvements that could benefit from the SLFRF:

1) Shoshone Falls Road Improvements

Discussion ensued regarding the project and estimated cost for improving the city owned portion of the road to Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake.

2) Improvements to the Road to the Evel Knievel Jumpsite

Discussion ensued regarding the Evel Knievel Jumpsite and the potential to use the funds to make improvements to preserve the jump mound rather than improve the road to the facility.

Concerns from residents around the area were discussed – issues with dust and vehicles going at higher speeds were mentioned. The number of people that use the road for access to the Evel Knievel Jumpsite was discussed.

Chance Munns joined the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

3) Vista Bonita Park improvements.

Discussion ensued regarding amenities that could be added to the park. Suggestions for a sledding hill, and a park with a theme (such as Storybook Park in Burley) were mentioned.

Chance Munns shared the concept for Vista Bonita Park.

Discussion ensued.

There was no significant interest from the commission to use SLFRF funds for improvements at the Evel Knievel Jumpsite. There was positive feedback regarding the improvements to the Shoshone Falls road and Vista Bonita

Debbie VanEngelen joined the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

4) Department Updates

a) Department Update

John Pauley gave an update on the City Pool including the following:

- Winter hours and programming
- Lap swim nighttime hours
- Water aerobics to be started soon
- Adult Swim lessons
- Collaboration with AWOL for deep end scuba diving

- Upgraded lights in the pool parking lot

Stacy McClintock gave an update on Recreation including the following:

- Christmas mailbox suggestion to be placed next season at the commons
- Including other activities such as an “Ugly Sweater Contest”
- Potential holiday photo-op at the Downtown Commons next year
- Youth basketball registration was discussed
- Boys basketball season coming up in January
- Pumpkin Carving workshop that occurred in the Fall

Chance Munns gave an update on parks, including the following:

- Winterization for equipment and leaf pickup at facilities
- Organization of the shop and compound space by Parks department
- Restrooms and irrigation shut down, with the exception of Frontier Park, portables have been added to the various Parks
- Former Parks Supervisor Jarrod Bordi's move from the Parks Department to the Building Department
- Funding and budgeting for 2023

Discussion ensued regarding the progress of the lights for the new pickleball courts.

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:04 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