



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 11:30 AM

Council Chamber 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; Heather Muth; Todd Shaw; Christiana Sipe-Pauley

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:36 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Debbie VanEngelen (arrived at 11:47 a.m.); Corey King; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth; Christiana Sipe-Pauley

Members absent: Jade Titus, Vice-Chairperson; Todd Shaw.

Council Liaison (present): Craig Hawkins

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent; John Pauley, Aquatics Supervisor; Elois Joseph, Parks Administrative Assistant.

2) General Public Input

There was no public input at this meeting.

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the meeting minutes from the April 11, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

MOTION: Corey King moved to approve the consent calendar item a) only. Ashley Squires seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Corey King, yes; Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Heather Muth, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 6 to 0.

- b) New Commissioner Orientation

This item was moved from the consent calendar to be discussed as an item of consideration. This item was presented after item a) on the items of consideration section.

Wendy Davis presented the request, including the following:

- Discussion ensued regarding the use of Microsoft teams.
- The general meeting guidelines were discussed.
- The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was discussed to be posted on the City Website.
- The code and policies related to tree removals and donations were discussed.
- The adapted Roberts Rules of Order were mentioned - making the motion in the positive. Motion can fail by no second, or by “no” votes on the motion.
- The layout of meeting agendas was mentioned (consent calendar, items of consideration, etc.).
- Motions were discussed, including re-stating/amending motions that may have been said incorrectly, or with conditions attached.
- City Code related to the Golf Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Tree Commission was discussed.
- The Strategic Plan and Parks and Recreation Master Plan were discussed further.

Deb VanEngelen joined the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Request to launch the General Public Input Form to accept public feedback.

Elois Joseph and Heather Muth presented the request.

Discussion ensued regarding how feedback from this form would be obtained. The various options were mentioned.

Including a section on the Department Updates to keep the commission apprised of the public input feedback received through this document/form was mentioned.

MOTION: Michael Metcalf moved to approve the request to launch the General Public Input Form to accept public feedback. Corey King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Corey King, yes; Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Heather Muth, yes; Deb VanEngelen, yes ; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 7 to 0.

5) Department Updates

Councilmember Hawkins gave an update on the Shoshone Falls Grade, including the following:

- Moving forward with the project to expand the road.

Arbor Day tree planting was mentioned. Staff and volunteers from the commission were thanked for their participation.

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

- Bubble take-town
- Training and staff getting ready for the summer.
- Swim programs/lessons

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

- Thank you to those who volunteered to participate with tree planting at Arbor Day
- Earth day volunteers completed several tasks.
- Other community service groups volunteering for service.
- Irrigation at parks.
- Restrooms at parks are open.
- Shoshone Falls improvements and enhancements – beaver damage addressed, improved visibility of falls, replaced corroded benches, erosion problems along the trail addressed.
- Ware/issues on playgrounds being addressed to address safety issues.

Discussion ensued regarding a pesticide reduction program in the City of Boise to increase biodiversity and reduce labor costs.

The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department's integrated pest management program was explained. The use of predatory mites and wasps to deal with pests was mentioned.

Courtney Park and the Auger Falls Skills Park were discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding accessible and adaptable playground equipment. New replacements will be accessible. Audible sound pieces and interactive pieces are being integrated to playgrounds. Existing playgrounds can be modified to include accessible pieces also.

Themed parks were discussed as a potential item for the next agenda. Upcoming projects were mentioned.

6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:03 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