



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, August 8, 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

Present: Jade Titus, Corey King, Ashley Squires, Micheal Metcalf, Heather Muth
Absent: Kirk Melton, Debbie VanEngelen, Todd Shaw, Christiana Sipe-Pauley
Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent; Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor; Lorrie Bauer, Recording Assistant.

Jade Titus called the meeting to order at 11:54 AM. A quorum was present.

2) General Public Input

None.

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the meeting minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting.
MOTION: Corey King moved to approve the consent calendar. Micheal Metcalf seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 5 to 0.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Discuss Implementing Themes in Park Development Plans
Wendy Davis shared background information. Discussion ensued about potentially using themes for parks.
Chance Munns will research upcoming park projects and present the findings during the September meeting as well as review the Parks & Recreation Master Plan for parks to possibly identify which parks may be suitable for a theme. This would give the commission an opportunity to create a vision for the future and create priorities.
A public input meeting needs to be planned as previously discussed.
The role of the commission is to provide input for the direction of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- b) Continue Park Use Fee Discussion
Wendy recapped previous discussions using examples. The Commission was asked to create recommendations to recoup the costs for events held in public spaces as well as the use of parks for private gain. One possibility is creating a tier fee schedule. Previously, a City Ordinance with regard to a fee structure was adopted but then reversed. Discussion ensued. The Commission requested a copy of that ordinance for review. Other communities that utilize a fee structure could also be

researched. This information would help identify what level of impact an event might have, create liability disclosures, and create a tiered-fee structure. Staff will provide information for a discussion at a later meeting.

5) Department Updates

Chance Munns - Parks Department:

- Emergent responses have slowed down.
- Working on department projects and activities such as weed mitigation, playground inspections, etc.
- Harrison Park construction documents are complete and bids on some portions have been received. Playground components have been ordered.
- Frontier Park is being scheduled for final grading and landscaping.
- Irrigation repair has required a lot of attention this past month.
- Sunway splash pad surface is ready for the contractor; expecting a confirmation date. Not in operation at this time.
- Downtown Commons fountain will be off next week so the blue swoosh area can be resurfaced with a non-slip texture.

Wendy shared:

- A new pool schedule is being created.
- First Federal playground surface is waiting for the contractor.
- Chobani supporting the corner park; more information will be supplied.
- Baxter's Dog Park contract is signed; the public input process is being developed.

Stacy - Recreation:

- Youth soccer starts on the 28th.
- Preparing for the Highland Games.
- Adult one pitch starts the 21st.
- Movies in the park are over. It was great.
- Registration for girls' basketball is open.
- Corn hole league starts in September.
- Adult grass volleyball has just concluded.

Wendy Davis added that Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake have been challenging this past month. No lifeguards at these locations as they are 'swim at your own risk' areas. There have been four water accidents in three weeks. One at Hidden Lakes and three near-drownings at Dierkes swimming area. Emergency responders have a hard time getting to the area due to people parking along the road, so alternate parking ideas are being discussed. Park management is also being reviewed to help keep the area a safe place.

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM.



Lorrie Bauer, Recording Assistant