



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 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

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

Members present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Jade Titus (online, left at 12:34 p.m.); Micheal Metcalf (online, left at 1:01 p.m.); Corey King (joined at 12:10 p.m.); Ashley Squires; Deb VanEngelen (joined at 11:36 a.m.); Christiana Sipe-Pauley; Todd Shaw.

Members absent: Heather Muth

Council liaison (present): Craig Hawkins

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

2) General Public Input

There was no general public input at this meeting.

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the meeting minutes from the June 13, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

MOTION: Ashley Squires moved to approve the item as presented. Christiana Sipe-Pauley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Jade Titus, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Kirk Melton, yes; Ashley Squires, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes; Todd Shaw, yes. Approved 6 to 0.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Consider a request to donate a tree and plaque at Vista Bonita Park from Ken and Lora Schmidt

Discussion ensued regarding the description of the plaque as it relates to the Donation Policy. The donation policy was discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount and types of donations that the Parks department receive.

Councilmember Hawkins mentioned that the process would include City Council approval as part of the donation approval process.

Discussion ensued regarding adhering to the donation policy as it currently stands.

Discussion ensued regarding whether any approvals were made with additional language.

MOTION: Ashley Squires moved to approve the request to donate a tree and plaque at Vista Bonita Park with updated language that aligns with wording in city policy to read “In memory of Annie.” Christiana Sipe-Pauley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Jade Titus, no; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Kirk Melton, yes; Ashley Squires, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Deb VanEngelen, yes. Approved 6 to 1.

Deb VanEngelen joined the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

- b) Consider a request to remove one Green Ash at 459 6th Ave N.

This item was tabled at the last meeting, due to concerns and for further consideration.

Chance gave an update on the tree, including the following:

- the concrete work has commenced
- roots have been severed already

Discussion ensued regarding whether the current root damage would cause concerns with the health of the tree. It was determined that damage is primarily structural. This damage could result in a higher risk of damage to the street based on the location of the tree. There is no guarantee of survival or failure at this point.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline of the request and the concrete work on the sidewalk.

Violation of the tree ordinance was discussed. The violation has been documented appropriately.

From a risk management assessment: the probability of failure - not likely to fail within the next two-three years; and evaluating the consequences of the tree causing damage, leads staff to assess that the risk is low.

Discussion ensued regarding monitoring the tree to evaluate any signs or leaning that would lead staff to assess whether the tree is compromised.

The sidewalk specifications were discussed.

Corey King joined the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the request as presented. Corey King seconded

the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Jade Titus, no; Micheal Metcalf, no; Kirk Melton, no; Corey King; no; Ashley Squires, no; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, no; Todd Shaw, no; Deb VanEngelen, no. Failed 0 to 8.

- c) Request to consider recommended City Pool fee adjustments.

John Pauley presented the request, including the following:

- Daily admissions and punch passes based on ages.
- Adding sales tax on top of certain products at the pool, helps provide additional funding for the pool.
- Silver and fit, and silver sneakers senior program will be initialized in fall once approved by City Council.
- Increase of fees for user groups for the facility (birthday parties, swim meets, etc.)
- Water fitness program
- Red Cross Safety classes
- Private Swim lesson program

Jade Titus left the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

MOTION: Corey King moved to approve the request as presented. Todd Shaw seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Micheal Metcalf, yes; Kirk Melton, yes; Corey King; yes; Ashley Squires, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Deb VanEngelen, yes. Approved 7 to 0.

- d) Continue Park Use Fee Discussion

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

- e) Discuss Implementing Themes in Park Development Plans

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

5) Department Updates

- a) Department Update July 2023

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

- Increase in the use of the City Pool
- Aquatic programs
- Parking lot lights
- Water fitness program.
- Request for funds to resurface the deck.
- Liner stains seem to be going away

- Mechanical-circulation systems are due for an upgrade
- Flow meter upgrade
- Plan to own concession stand, if approved.
- New sand and gravel for the filter, with changes to the chemical shed

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

- Update on splashpad at Sunway
- Shoshone Falls Overlook renewal-construction under contract.
- Facility improvements at Shoshone Falls Park.
- Swing chain replacement - safety improvements
- TF County partnership spray day at Auger Falls to mitigate weeds was a success.
- Gratitude was expressed to the county for their assistance.

6) 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