



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 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; Olyvia Meyer; Todd Shaw; Christiana Sipe-Pauley

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Kirk Melton called the meeting to order at approximately 11:35. A quorum was present.

Members present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Jade Titus, Vice-Chairperson; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Olyvia Meyer (online); Christiana Sipe-Pauley

Members absent: Debbie VanEngelen; Corey King; Todd Shaw.

Council liaison (absent): Cherie Vollmer.

Staff present: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director (online 11:47 a.m.); Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor; Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent; John Pauley, Aquatics Supervisor; Elois Joseph, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator.

Guests present: none

2) General Public Input

There was no general public input at this meeting.

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the April 9, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.

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

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Request to remove Ash tree at 435 5th Ave E.

Chance Munns presented the request, including the following:

- Tree is infested with aphids, borer damage
- Swelling at the base of the tree
- Canopy dieback
- Cracking of the sidewalk, but not significant

Discussion ensued regarding the longevity of the tree. The cost to the property owner was discussed – removal and replacement is a significantly higher cost than pruning.

Concerns regarding borer damage were mentioned.

Discussion ensued on the homeowners responsibilities and the accountability of the homeowner to meet required expectations as directed by the Commission and the Department. Concerns regarding whether recommendations and follow-up on implementation of said recommendations was mentioned.

The necessity for a re-write of the Tree Ordinance was discussed.

The current lack of mature trees in the neighborhood was mentioned. Discussion ensued regarding the condition of the street.

City Code and the tree ordinance expectations are administered through the code enforcement department.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the item as presented. Christiana Sipe-Pauley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Jade Titus, yes; Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Olyvia Meyer, no; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 5 to 1.

b) Consider Options for Gaining Public Input for Vista Bonita Park and Other Park Projects

Chance Munns presented the item, including the following:

- Vista Bonita Park improvements were discussed.
- QR codes for survey (with a banner on site) were mentioned.
- Posting information on social media was discussed.
- Playground equipment was discussed. Discussion ensued regarding including family type playground equipment. Low play areas and toddler-friendly playground equipment were discussed.
- Formal pavilion/ amphitheater was discussed.
- Expanded walking trail.
- Shade – trees, structures, etc.. was requested.
- Interactive water features were discussed.
- Activity hill was mentioned.
- Interactive and audible equipment was discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding most of these suggestions being incorporated at alternate park locations.

The timeline for the project was discussed. 2026 is the estimated deadline to complete the park.

Questions to go on the survey for feedback will be brought to the commission at a future meeting.

Mailing a flyer to the neighborhood was discussed.

c) Discuss Increasing Fees for Athletic Field Use

Stacy McClintock discussed the item, including the following:

- Current recreation fees are low, looking to increase fees.
- Research revealed a significant loss between the cost to operate versus fees collected
- Documents were shared with the commission.
- Discussion ensued regarding the various cost increase requests.
- Partnerships were discussed.

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Discussion ensued. Request to view a comparison and a percentage of change was mentioned.

Including an automatic paint striper as part of future budget discussions was mentioned.

Discussions ensued regarding scholarships available for City programs as well as outside organizations.

The Recreation team's goal to break even with programs and participation was discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding subsidizing outside programs and organizations. Commission was not in favor of any subsidies for private groups. Private organizations to cover 100% of the cost incurred by the City to run the programs.

Percent increase for current fees versus break-even costs, versus recommended City youth program subsidies were requested to be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

Impact on the facilities with regard to adult versus youth activities was discussed.

5) Department Updates

a) June 2024 Department Update

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

- New format for swim lessons
- Swim Leagues

6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:06 p.m.



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Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator