



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 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 11:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Debbie VanEngelen (arrived at 11:44 a.m.), Corey King; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Olyvia Meyer; Todd Shaw; Christiana Sipe-Pauley

Members absent: Jade Titus, Vice-Chairperson.

Council liaison (absent): Cherie Vollmer

Staff present: Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager; Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent; Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor; 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 June 11, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.
- b) Consider a request to remove two ornamental Plums at Vista Bonita

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

Debbie VanEngelen joined the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Consider a request to make a recommendation to City Council to increase athletic field use fees

****for a full account of this meeting, please view the recorded meeting on the city website, www.tfid.org****

Wendy Davis introduced the request. Stacy McClintock presented the item, including the following:

- A spreadsheet with the information on the organizations that have used Parks and Recreation facilities in the last few years including data on fees, amounts paid, true cost, and proposed cost was shared with the Commission.
- Fees in the proposed fee section were simplified to include, for example, a flat fee versus a daytime and evening use as the impact is the same.
- Comparable fees in cities of Pocatello, Nampa, and Boise were compared and discussed.
- The Commission was in favor of non-city events and organizations not to be subsidized with fees increased in incremental rates in annual phases to meet 100% recovery for City over time.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed fees.

MOTION: Corey King moved to approve the item as presented. Olyvia Meyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Corey King, yes; Debbie Van Engelen, yes. Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Olyvia Meyer, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 8 to 0.

b) Consider a request to remove one Elm at Harmon Park

Chance Munns presented the request including the following:

- Development expansion of Skate Park
- Issues with the tree including bark damage, exposed roots, compaction and proximity to asphalt.
- Tree species not favorable

Discussion ensued regarding the rate of growth of trees, and the replacement of trees in the City.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the item as presented. Corey King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Corey King, yes; Debbie Van Engelen, yes. Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Olyvia Meyer, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 8 to 0.

c) Consider a request to remove one Maple at City Park

Chance Munns presented the request including the following:

- The trunk of the tree is solid, core samples revealed a healthy tree with no decay at the trunk. Failure of the tree would be caused by limb failure, not trunk failure.
- Pruning of decayed limbs can help save the tree for a period of time, but the tree will eventually fail.

Discussion ensued regarding the tree growth and percent of tree that was in failure. Tree is not currently high risk; however, limbs at the top are hollow and can lead to failure over time.

Planting another tree close to replace this tree was mentioned. The intention is to replace the trees at city park by phasing in new trees.

MOTION: Corey King moved to approve the item as presented. Micheal Metcalf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Corey King, yes; Debbie Van Engelen, yes. Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Olyvia Meyer, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 8 to 0.

d) Consider a request to remove Two Black Locust at 1305 Poplar Ave.

Chance Munns presented the request including the following:

- Request was written by City staff on behalf of the homeowner.
- Sidewalk replacement caused damage to the roots of the tree.
- Bringing irrigation to this area was discussed.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the item as presented. Corey King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Corey King, yes; Debbie Van Engelen, yes. Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Olyvia Meyer, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 8 to 0.

e) Consider a request to remove one Ash at Cascade Park

Chance Munns presented the request including the following:

- limb failure, canopy dieback, peeling bark,
- cavity on the tree has been filled with spray foam.

Discussion ensued regarding the cause for the damage of the tree. Borer beetle damage helps explain some of the damage.

Lilac Ash borer and Emerald Ash borer damage was discussed.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the item as presented. Corey King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Corey King, yes; Debbie Van Engelen, yes; Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Olyvia Meyer, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 8 to 0.

5) Department Updates

a) July Department Update

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

- current heat conditions taken into consideration for staff at the City Pool
- pool remodel plans and layout to be presented to the Commission at a future meeting
- Aquatics coordinator Gessie Collins to return next week
- upcoming Fall programming

Stacy McClintock gave an update on Recreation, including the following:

- increase of the participation with youth baseball/softball
- summer solstice youth triathlon was a success
- volleyball camp with SIVA
- pickleball clinic for youth and adults was a large turnout
- Fall soccer registration open

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

- weed control in progress
- right of way mower window broken causing some delay in maintenance
- fixing irrigation lines and issues
- high use of the Parks facilities
- Trash removal, graffiti removal, and routine maintenance of Parks underway
- Harrison restroom now open
- New playground and trash receptacles placed at Harrison, next step is to place benches at this park.
- Tree maintenance in progress
- Annual backflow devices checked, two failures - result of an aging system, replacement parts are no longer available requiring full replacement.
- Harmon Skate park Open House was a huge success, 126 responses to the survey for public feedback for this facility.

Wendy Davis gave an update on the golf course, referencing notes from Steven Meyerhoeffer including the following:

- pump station at the golf course has issues, with impact on watering the course; but was resolved.
- Junior camps, twilight leagues, couples nights, etc. are very successful

Golf contract to expire in December 2025, current concessionaire is retiring and does not want to pursue a contract renewal. Parks department is looking for alternatives to how to manage this facility.

Wendy Davis gave the directors report, including the following:

- Canyon Trail Junction bid was received at 2.9 million. With an estimate of 1.1 million budget for this project, the bid was rejected. Staff are evaluating options moving forward including re-bidding, CMGC approach, and/or find it to be fact to be cheaper and go to open market negotiations.
- Canyon Rim Trail: Jump site going East –trail installation to be completed. Trail will remain accessible during the duration of the work.
- Public input for Vista Bonita Park in progress

- Shoshone Falls grade project intended to be sent to bid in August.
- State closure of Snake River from Pillar Falls to Twin Falls waterfall due to quagga mussels still in effect. State hopes to have a wash station at the boat dock soon to allow access to the river at this site.

6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:03 p.m.



Elois Joseph
Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator