



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 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; 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 11:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Debbie VanEngelen; Micheal Metcalf; Olyvia Meyer; Todd Shaw; Christiana Sipe-Pauley.

Members absent: Jade Titus, Vice-Chairperson; Corey King.

Council liaison (absent): Cherie Vollmer

Staff present: Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager; Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent.

Guests present: none.

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 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on September 10, 2024.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Christiana Sipe-Pauley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Debbie VanEngelen, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Olyvia Meyer, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 6 to 0.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Consider a request to remove select trees along rock creek trail and waive replacement.

Chance Munns presented the request including the following:

- Clean-up is intended to enhance views, allow accessibility to the water, allow for clearance for 7 ft. to the trail system, remove dry vegetation (fire hazards).
- Plan to include clean-up as annual maintenance of the trail.
- Primarily clearing brush and debris, some removal of trees.

Discussion ensued regarding the type of work that would be involved in the cleanup. Clarification was provided.

Removal of trees to include primarily Black Locust trees, Siberian Elm, and Russian Olive trees.

Russian Olive tree removal in the City was discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding waiving replacement. Concerns were raised as to whether the removal and lack of replacement would cause a negative impact to the urban forest and jeopardize the city's status as "Tree City". Staff noted that there are ample trees in the area, we would still qualify and meet the requirements for "Tree City" without the replacement in the area.

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

5) Department Updates

a) Department Update October 2024

Chance Munns gave a report on Parks including the following:

- Idaho Business for the outdoors, non-profit and Mondelez teamed up with the Parks department to complete a project facilitating 225 volunteers for a service project. Full day of work on Friday for the project.
- Safety as a priority for the clean-up project. Tree felling and major chainsaw activity will occur before the volunteer group arrives.
- Winterization of our facilities to commence on October 15th, blow-outs will occur after.
- Ready equipment for snow.

Wendy Davis gave a directors update, including the following:

- Meeting with Canyon Trail Junction contractors to define the scope of work
- Vista Bonita Park expansion - feedback to the design team, project progressing.
- Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake Park closures were discussed and clarified.
 - Road improvements
 - Dierkes lake intersection - attempt to create a safer intersection.
 - Widening of roads to occur at this facility.
 - Pre-construction meeting on the 10th of October
- Splash pad update pre-construction meeting on 21st of October.

Discussion ensued regarding traffic at Shoshone falls during the closure. Clarification was provided on what the closure entailed. There is no relation between the quagga mussels and the closure of the Park.

6) Adjournment

a) Optional visit to Twin Falls Golf Club

Wendy Davis offered an on site visit to the Twin Falls Golf Course. Some commissioners opted out of the visit, others indicated that they would like to have this option for a site visit at another time. This will be an option at a future meeting.

Importance of a site visit was emphasized as the Golf Course's management may change with the intended retirement of current concessionaire in 2025.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:03 p.m.

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Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator