



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 11:30 AM

City Hall Overflow Room, CH-116
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

Members: Micheal Metcalf, Chairperson; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, Vice- Chairperson; Debbie VanEngelen; Corey King; Kirk Melton; Olyvia Meyer; Todd Shaw; Paul Melni

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Metcalf called the meeting to order at 11:42 AM

A quorum was present.

2) General Public Input

3) Consent Calendar

Commissioner Melton made a motion to approve the consent calendar, as presented.

Commissioner King seconded the motion.

a) Request to approve minutes from the following meeting: February 11, 2025.

b) Consider a request to remove one Elm and one Spruce at 322 5th Ave N.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Request to consider recommended City Pool fee adjustments.

Staff Presentation:

Request to consider recommended City Pool fee adjustments.

Approval of the request allows the Parks & Recreation Commission to recommend that these fees continue the City's FYE2026 budgeting process.

Supervisor Pauley presented the request to consider recommended City Pool fee adjustments.

Daily admission increases to help cover increased operating expenses, salaries and repairs. This will be the first increase in 8 years.

Punch passes price change that would correlate with the daily admission increase.

Family pass adjustment would be cheaper than purchasing 2 individual passes and kids are free. Create a "Family" definition that includes 2 adults and their kids under 18 years of age.

Program fee increase proposals included would be Private Swim Lessons, Water Fitness Classes, Drop-Ins & Kayak Day, Water Safety Instructor Course.

Birthday and Rental increase price. The cost of adding staff and extra time.

Swim teams fee adjustment includes Daily, Punch, Monthly, 3-Month, or annual required per swimmer. Swim team reservation fee per swimmer/month. This would cover reserving space and extra staff.

Pool Cleaning and a potential fee incurred with “accidental fecal release” in the pool.

Staff have thoroughly reviewed the proposed fee adjustments and recommend that the Parks & Recreation Commission endorse these changes. These modifications will help the City Pool manage increasing costs while continuing to offer an accessible and affordable recreational option for the community.

- Chairperson Metcalf asked if this would meet the projected budget.
- Supervisor Pauley feels it will help but catch up is needed. Fees don't reflect the changes that have been made.
- Chairperson Metcalf asked if there is a resident and non-resident price difference.
- Supervisor Pauley stated we do not at this time.
- Commissioner Melni asked how popular the punch pass is.
- Supervisor Pauley replied it's not a big amount compared to the annuals or monthly's.
- Commissioner Melton asked how many after-hour rentals they have.
- Supervisor Pauley responded that it's not many but not really advertised.
- Commissioner Melni asked how many teams this would affect.
- Supervisor Pauley replied 4, and that doesn't seem like much, but all the kids add up.
- Director Davis clarified she can take this to council with your approval. Having this conversation as part of budget. The more public discussion with fees the better.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to endorse the city pool fee adjustments as presented. Commissioner Melton seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted.

Approved 6 to 0.

- b) Consider a request to remove Seven columnar Pine from 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd.

Staff Presentation: Superintendent Munns presented the request for In-N-Out for tree removal. Applicant would like to develop the site and want to remove and replace trees to widen entry. The proposal is to warranty trees for possible replacement, also replacement cost at \$500 per tree. Relocating the trees along the west side between the 2 curbs. Request for site improvement.

Parks staff does not find evidence meeting tree removal criteria for proposed trees at 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd. and does not recommend removal of requested trees.

Twin Falls City Code 8-4-8

- Commissioner Melton asked if this is a public right of way or private.

- Superintendent Munns replied it is along the public right-of-way.
- Commissioner Melton asked if the dollar amounts are a warranty in a way. If trees survive, the Parks Department can use the money somewhere else.
- Chairperson Metcalf asked if the city wanted to double stack the entrance.
- Superintendent Munns replied that Planning and Zoning will answer. The site plan for the Special Use Permit showed double lanes around the building.
- Senior Planner Klaver from Planning and Zoning explained that they were not concerned about widening the entrance, the applicant just needed appropriate access. The permit was issued subject to site improvements with permit. Stacking requirement needed to be met.
- Chairperson Metcalf feels this is a nice landscape plan, trees being relocated instead of removed is ideal. Offering a warranty to make sure they survive is positive and there are things that can be done to enhance survival rate.
- Commissioner Melton asked if there was any other basis for the removal of public trees.
- Superintendent Munns stated he added that the purpose of the tree commission is to support development also.
- Commissioner Smith was concerned about traffic and feels if trees need to be moved to alleviate that while saving them would be great.

MOTION: Commissioner Melton moved to approve the request to remove 7 trees from 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd as presented. Commissioner King seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted.

Approved 6 to 0.

- c) Consider a request to remove one Linden from 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd.

Staff Presentation: Superintendent Munns stated this is the same applicant as the previous request and he separated them out in case the Commission had any conditions.

Parks staff does find evidence meeting tree removal criteria for proposed trees at 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd. and recommend removal of requested tree.

Twin Falls City Code 8-4-2, Statement of Purpose

- Commissioner Melton asked if this is for a replacement.
- Superintendent Munns stated it wouldn't be able to be transplanted and would have to be replaced.
- Chairperson Metcalf sees the need when the tree is too big to be transplanted, and replacement is needed.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve the request to replace 1 Linden tree from 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd as presented. Commissioner Melni seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted.

Approved 6 to 0.

- d) Consider a request to remove one Honey Locust at 152 2nd Ave S

Staff Presentation: Superintendent Munns presented the request from Float Magic to remove one Honey Locust at 152 2nd Ave S. The tree was placed in a planter box that was too small. The city had a similar request from the business down the street. The solution was to make the planter box bigger. They changed the sidewalk to make it work. There were no indicators of pests or anything else that would hinder the continued growth of the tree other than the planter is too small for this species.

Parks staff does not find evidence meeting tree removal criteria for proposed Honey Locust at 152 2nd Ave S and recommends rejection of this request.
Twin Falls City Code 8-4-7, 8-4-8.

- Chairperson Metcalf asked if any conversation had been had with the property owner.
- Superintendent Munns replied the applicant just submitted the request.
- Chairperson Metcalf would like an alternate solution discussed first before removal of tree.

Conversation about finding different solutions that would involve keeping the tree if the only problem is the planter is too small. The commission would like removal to be the last option.

- Chairperson Metcalf directed staff to find alternate solution and come back to commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Melton moved to approve the request to remove one Honey Locust at 152 2nd Ave S. Commissioner King seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted.

Declined 1 to 5.

5) Department Updates

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:01 PM

Jody Green, Planning Technician