



## Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 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; Steve Hayes; Olyvia Meyer; Todd Shaw; Paul Melni; Tom Bixler

### 1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Metcalf called the meeting to order at 11:39 AM

A quorum was present.

Members Present: Micheal Metcalf, Debbie Van Engelen, Steve Hayes, Tom Bixler, Paul Melni, Corey King

Members Absent: Todd Shaw, Christiana Sipe-Pauley, Olyvia Meyer

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Mitch Humble, Chance Munns, Stacy McClintock, John Pauley, Mable Shurtleff

### 2) General Public Input

No public was present.

### 3) Consent Calendar

Commissioner Van Engelen entered the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bixler moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner King seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 0.

a) Approve minutes from the following meeting: September 9, 2025.

b) Consider a request to remove one Poplar at 246 9<sup>th</sup> Ave N.

### 4) Items of Consideration

a) Consider a request from Chance Munns to donate a spruce tree and plaque in memory of late Park employee Jacob Thompson at Thomsen Park.

Presentation: Superintendent Chance Munns presented the request to plant a spruce tree and install a plaque in memory of late park employee Jacob Thompson. The plaque inscription would read "In memory of..."

There was discussion acknowledging Jacob's service as a valued member of the park staff.

**MOTION:** Commissioner King moved to approve the request to donate a spruce tree and plaque in memory of late Parks employee Jacob Thompson at Thomsen Park. Commissioner Hayes seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 0.

b) Consider a proposal from Recreation Supervisor Stacy McClintock to raise youth sports fees. Presentation: Recreation Supervisor McClintock provided an overview of the current youth sports fee structure and operational cost increases since the last fee adjustment in 2018.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Melni asked when the last price increase occurred (2018).
- Commissioner Hayes asked about scholarship availability for families in need.
- Commissioner Bixler inquired if the fee increase would offset operational costs; McClintock confirmed it would help.
- Commissioner VanEngelen asked about participation trends; McClintock noted a steady increase in participants.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hayes moved to raise youth sports fees. Commissioner Bixler seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 0.

- c) Presentation on Park In Lieu fees and proposed project list  
 Presentation: Director Davis and Superintendent Munns reviewed current Park In Lieu fee balances and possible project funding opportunities.

Discussion Points:

- Park In Lieu fees can fund improvements but not repairs.
- Commissioners discussed combining smaller projects for Council approval.
- Commissioner Hayes clarified location restrictions for fund usage.
- Superintendent Munns reviewed color-coded maps indicating potential project combinations.
- Commissioner Metcalf inquired about funding replenishment; Deputy City Manager Humble explained distinctions between park impact fees and other funding sources.
- Commissioner Melni requested estimated project costs (approximately \$20,000 for basketball courts) and consistent color coding on project maps.

- d) Discuss Parks and Recreation Master Plan  
 Presentation: Director Davis discussed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including:

- Current levels of service and acre per capita challenges
- Community survey results identifying priorities and expectations
- Differences between community and neighborhood parks
- Impacts of population growth and strategies for future park development

Discussion:

- Commissioner Metcalf asked about next steps for plan updates.
- Director Davis explained that a consulting firm would assist, funded through capital improvement allocations.

## 5) Department Updates

- a) Department update: October 2025  
 Chairperson Metcalf reported on the strategic planning meeting, noting productive discussions and identification of Commission priorities for the next 15 years.

Aquatics Update (Aquatics Supervisor Pauley):

- Pool improvements are progressing.
- Operations are being adjusted as needed during upgrades.
- Recent pool price increases have been generally well received.

Commissioner Melni requested updates on Dierkes Lake / Shoshone Park.  
Superintendent Munns reported:

- Ongoing overflow issues due to high water volumes.
- Flooding mitigated with sandbags; road remains closed.
- ISDA conducting quagga mussel treatment.
- Parking lot reopening likely delayed due to colder weather.

Director Davis added that the Recreation Center location was discussed at the recent City Council meeting, though no action was taken.

**6) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 01:08 PM

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