



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 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; Steve Hayes; Olyvia Meyer; Todd Shaw; Paul Melni; Tom Bixler; Mckenzie Redd

- 1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order
- 2) General Public Input
Allow 15 minutes for public input with 2 minute time slots per member of the public to be recognized by the department chair on a first come, first served basis. Members of the public must sign-in at the beginning of the meeting to be recognized.
- 3) Consent Calendar
 - a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the minutes from the following meeting: August 11, 2026.
By:
- 4) Items of Consideration
 - a) **ACTION ITEM:** Continue Discussion of Parks and Recreation Master Plan and park project priorities, with focus on Sunrise Park, Harry Barry Park, and Sunway Soccer Complex/First Federal Park.
By: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director
 - b) **ACTION ITEM:** Continue discussion of proposed hydrowave project and archery range at Auger Falls Heritage Park
By:
- 5) Department Updates
 - a) **PRESENTATION:** Parks and Recreation Department Update: September 2026
- 6) Adjournment

Any person(s) needing special accommodations to participate in the above-noticed meeting could contact Josh Palmer (208) 735-7312 at least two working days before the meeting. Si desea esta información en Español, por favor llame a Josh Palmer al teléfono (208) 735-7312.

Public Input Procedures

- 1.** Individuals wishing to provide public input regarding matters relevant to the City of Twin Falls shall
 - wait to be recognized by the Mayor or Chairman
 - approach the microphone/podium
 - state their name and address, and whether they are a resident or property owner in the City of Twin Falls, and proceed with their input.
 - 2.** The Chairman may limit input to no less than two (2) minutes. Individuals are not permitted to give their time to other speakers.
- * Any person not conforming to the above rules may be prohibited from speaking. Persons refusing to comply with such prohibitions may be asked to leave the hearing and, thereafter removed from the room by order of the Chairman.



Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From:

ACTION ITEM

Request:

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Time Estimate:

Background:

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

Regulatory Impact:

History:

Analysis:

Conclusion:

Attachments:

1. 081126 Minutes



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

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1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Metcalf called the meeting to order at 11:37 AM

A quorum was present.

Members Present: Micheal Metcalf, Steve Hayes, Olyvia Meyer, Tom Bixler, Debbie Van Engelen, Todd Shaw

Members Absent: Christiana Sipe-Pauley, Paul Melni, Mckenzie Redd

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Mitch Humble, Chance Munns, Craig Hawkins, Mable Shurtleff

2) General Public Input

No public was present.

3) Consent Calendar

Commissioner VanEngelen entered the meeting at 11:38 am.

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

Clarification noted that the approval motion was for the meeting minutes and removal of a tree.

a) Request to approve the minutes from the following meeting: July 14, 2026.

b)
Consider a request to remove One Ash at 233 Walnut St.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Continue Discussion of Parks and Recreation Master Plan and park project priorities, with focus on Evel Knievel trailhead, Dierkes Lake Park, South Park.
The Commission continued its discussion of park project priorities and were encouraged to visit project locations before future prioritization discussions.

South Park/Oregon Trail Youth Complex: Staff reviewed proposed improvements, including a replacement playground, restroom, pavilion or picnic shelter, and a possible enclosed urban soccer field. The Commission discussed the site's potential to serve both neighborhood residents and families attending ball games. Parking was identified as limited, although staff reported no significant neighborhood complaints.

Evel Knievel Trailhead/Jump Site: The Commission discussed preservation and visitor-experience options, including erosion control, limiting foot traffic, restoring the jump mound,

and adding interpretive features. Water availability, future residential development, and protection of canyon views from the site were noted as considerations for future improvements. The Commission recognized the site as a significant visitor attraction and supported revisiting options as adjacent development progresses.

Dierkes Lake Park: The Commission discussed obtaining more public input and potential improvements related to ADA accessibility, access to park amenities and the lake, shoreline and water-recreation access, kayak launching, docks, handrails, and possible roadway or pedestrian improvements. Staff noted that vandalism is not a significant concern because the park is closed at night.

Staff and the Commission will continue reviewing project locations and development considerations to establish a more informed priority list for a future budget request.

Additional sites identified for future visits included Sunway, Harry Barry, and Sunrise Park.

b) Update on lifeguards at Dierkes Lake Park

The Commission discussed the need for broad public input regarding lifeguard services versus surface-water use. Due to the issue's significance, staff anticipates City Council involvement and may prepare a future Council presentation outlining the matter and proposed public-engagement approach. The Commission may assist with gathering public input, including a possible ticket booth survey, and could make a recommendation to City Council after receiving further direction.

c) Continue discussion of proposed Hydrowave project at Auger Falls Heritage Park

The Commission discussed whether the proposed Hydrowave project would be an appropriate use at Auger Falls Heritage Park and whether it aligns with the existing master plan. Commissioners indicated they did not yet have sufficient information to make a recommendation and were encouraged to evaluate the project's potential effects on the site, including preservation of the location and land use compatibility.

Further discussion included potential implementation options, such as leasing the site to a vendor to operate an amenity, revising or adopting an updated master plan, or pursuing development through the City budget process. Staff clarified that the Commission is not being asked to approve use of the location; City Council would likely have final authority. The Commission's role would be to assess whether the proposal is feasible and consistent with the master plan and provide input and recommendation as appropriate.

The Commission discussed visiting the site to gather additional information. Commissioners were encouraged to visit independently, with the understanding that any site visit would be for informational purposes only and no decisions would be made at the location.

d) Continue discussion of proposed archery range at Auger Falls Heritage Park

The Commission was asked to conduct a similar review of the proposed archery range project as they would the Hydrowave project.

5) Department Updates

a) Parks and Recreation Department Update: August 2026

- Tennis courts at Harmon and Cascade have been completed and are available for public use.
- Construction at Chobani Wellness Park continues to progress.
- Director Davis will bring the Baxter Park project and the park project at Elizabeth/Hankins forward to City Council for funding approval.
- Installation of lighting at the skate park is nearing completion.
- The fish hatchery has been demolished, and the site has been cleaned.
- Equipment for Elizabeth Park has been delivered and is awaiting contractor installation.
- Construction of the City Park playground is underway. Completion had been scheduled for August 23, 2026.

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:03 PM

Mable Shurtleff

Mable Shurtleff, Project Coordinator
Parks and Recreation Department



Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director, Parks and Recreation Director

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Continue Discussion of Parks and Recreation Master Plan and park project priorities, with focus on Sunrise Park, Harry Barry Park, and Sunway Soccer Complex/First Federal Park.

Time Estimate:

Allow approximately 15 minutes for discussion

Background:

Commissioners selected three more park locations to visit and evaluate needs and provide input for priorities. Sunrise Park, Harry Barry Park and First Federal/Sunway Soccer Complex will be discussed.

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

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None



Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From:

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Continue discussion of proposed hydrowave project and archery range at Auger Falls Heritage Park

Time Estimate:

Allow approximately 10 minutes for discussion

Background:

The Commission has been reviewing the Auger Falls Master Plan regarding appropriateness of a hydrowave and archery range. Commissioners agreed to visit the park and come to the meeting prepared to discuss these proposals further.

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PRESENTATION

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Parks and Recreation Department Update: September 2026

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1. Department Update Sept 2026

Parks and Recreation Department Updates

Parks and Recreation Commission

September 2026

Recreation Department

Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor

Brandy Mason & Justin Wolters, Recreation Coordinators

FALL SOCCER: We have completed registration and the season started on Wednesday August 27th. We have 933 participants enrolled, with 77 volunteer coaches assisting us with making this program a success.

Year	Participants
2026	933
2025	878
2024	829
2023	801

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Registration for girls' basketball is August 17th–September 15th. Practices will begin the week of September 22nd. We have once again secured practice gyms at Oregon Trail, Perrine, Robert Stuart, Harrison, Rock Creek, Bickel, Pillar Falls, Sawtooth and Morningside for youth practices. O'Leary and Robert Stuart Middle Schools will be used for Saturday games.

Youth Highland Games:

Highland games combine sport, fun and culture in a uniquely Scottish style. Heavy contests, including the hammer throw, weight for height, and many others. See competitors putting their muscles to the test. This is a free community event that will take place from 10am-1pm on Saturday September 26th at the Sunway Soccer Complex.

Parks Department

Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent

Nibardo Orozco, Parks Supervisor

Open Spaces

Kathryn Sullivan, Open Space Supervisor

In September, the Open Spaces team continues maintenance and infrastructure improvements. Fence repairs are underway along the Canyon Rim Trail and at the Evel Knievel Jump Site, while maintenance continues on runoff pipes at Shoshone Falls. Staff are also continuing routine maintenance and summer operations at Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake as the summer season winds down.

New wayfinding signage will be installed at Dierkes Lake to improve visitor safety as the City continues to work on the larger safety plan for Dierkes Lake. The Paint the Town graffiti removal project also continued with support from CRC volunteers. As we transition into fall, staff are focusing on spraying and removing noxious weeds, clearing overgrowth, and completing seasonal maintenance throughout the open space system.

City Pool

John Pauley, Aquatic Supervisor

Gessie Collins, Aquatic Coordinator

Bubble Setup: The bubble will go up Monday, September 14 through Wednesday, September 16. During this closure, we will be deep cleaning the facility, performing maintenance, and performing chemical treatments on the pool.

High School Swim Season: With the City Pool being the only pool capable of hosting swim meets as it gets colder, we will be closed multiple Saturdays and 2 Thursdays in September & October to the public.

Lights Out Swim: Midnight Splash was an amazing success this summer! We will continue the fun, but with a name that is fitting for the bubble, LIGHTS OUT SWIM! Our first swim will be on Fridays, September 25 from 8pm-10pm.

Website Redesign: The City Pool website has been updated to provide a page exclusive to Water Fun activities, updated membership, information, and overall better flow of information. To check it out visit www.tfid.org/citypool.

Pool Boiler System: For the last couple of years, the plumbing company we used recommended getting new boilers. While we were planning to proceed with that this coming year, we brought in another company for a 2nd opinion. They found that the boilers were in good shape and needed better maintenance. Instead of spending \$130,000 on new boilers, \$13,400 was spent.

Since the maintenance was completed, we have had consistently warm water in the building and pool. The boilers should continue to operate like this for many years to come.

General Public Input

Mable Shurtleff, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator

There was no public input received.

Municipal Golf Course

Travis Hofland, PGA, General Manager

Director's Update

Wendy Davis

Summer is full of outdoor fun. I love seeing the community out enjoying our spaces, playing tennis, pickleball, baseball, softball, t-ball and soccer. Swimming and picnicking at Dierkes, taking pictures at Shoshone Falls, walking, running and biking on our trails; splashing, lap swimming, practicing and exercising at the pool. This week I spent some time at Harmon Park watching the skateboarders use the park under the new lights. People are so eager to enjoy Canyon Trail Junction, it looks so good. I am proud of that project. It brings me great joy to be a part of the team that makes all these things happen. I look forward to finishing our list of projects, starting some new ones, and experiencing the exhale as the temperatures cool down and we move into Fall.