



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 12:00 AM

203 Main Ave E
Twin Falls, Id 83301

Members: Chairman, Cindy Collins; Vice-Chairman, Marc Lambert, Richard Birrell; Aaron Camacho; Z J Martinez; Sherry Murray; Gabe Ostyn; Brian Rice; Chance Munns.

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Cindy Collins called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

A quorum was present.

Commission members present: Gabe Ostyn, Cindy Collins, Richard Birrell, Sherry Murray, Chance Munns, Brian Rice, Marck Lambert.

Commission members absent: Aaron Camacho, ZJ Martinez

Council members present: Nikki Boyd

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, John Pauley, Kevin Skelton, Dave Hammond, Nikki Miller

Staff Absent: Stacy McClintock

2) Consent Calendar

a) Approve Minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting

MOTION: Brian Rice moved to accept meeting minutes as written. Sherry Murray seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. 7 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

a) Consider Request To Remove Tree at 412 5th ave. North

MOTION: Chance Munns moved to allow the request to be remove a tree at 412 5th Ave N. Richard Birrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. 7 to 0.

b) Presentation of check to Mayor Barigar for participation in Mayor's School Walking Challenge
Mayor Shawn Barigar introduced Courtney Frost with the Blue Cross Foundation of Health of Idaho. The program is called High Five and focus's on addressing the root childhood obesity in Idaho. They started the Mayor's walking challenge in October and encourage all Mayors in the state to participate. The goal is to have the Mayor's to reach 10,000 steps a day and those who do hit that goal are awarded a \$1000 check that they can use for a program to help the kids get physically active. He was also recognized as the Selfie King of Idaho. Not only did he walk but he truly engaged with the children and community. This was the his third year of participating in this event. Mayor Barigar spoke about his experiences he had while walking with the children. The money is targeted to make distance signs on the Canyon Rim Trails.

- c) Continue discussion of park master plan ideas for Dierkes Lake, Cascade Park and Harmon Park

Wendy reiterated the goals of the Commission in regards to the Master Plan.

1. What are the needs of the individual parks and how can we be proactive in planning for the future needs.

2. What amenities are needed or improved on. Not so much focus on the how and wheres but what is needed.

As an example, Wendy suggested vendor pads so that we can have some control on where vendors can set up.

Cindy Collins shared citizen concerns about the close proximity of the space by the bleachers and the road where children play at Harmon Park. The ballfield where the children play is very close to the street and Cindy recommended that perhaps a fence be installed on Elizabeth road to keep the children away from the road.

Sherry Murray thought a creek or water source placed near the softball fields for the kids to play in during games would be a great addition. She also asked about the ability to announce at the games or have music. There is no sound system at the park.

Cindy Collins thought maybe a splash pad or a water feature. She also indicated that she would rather see the parking pads for food vendors would be more appealing than the brick and mortar concession stand. Cindy asked what the funding is for Harmon Park. Wendy didn't have the actual figure that is in capital improvement but indicated it might be around \$450 thousand to be a lump sum for the projects but that has not been approved yet.

Harmon Park is on the plan for 2020.

Sherry Murray asked about the lighting at the park. The ball fields and tennis courts have lights. There are no vapor lights in the park and there are some dark spots. Maybe some lights on the skatepark.

Chance Munns talked about the stone fire pits that are at the park. He also talked about the drainage in the parking lot. Kevin has not seen any activity or use of the firepits. Wendy asked if there is any historical significance attached to these fire pits? Kevin was not sure.

There are some features at the parks that have been donated or otherwise and before they can be removed Wendy will need to do some research on each structure to determine where it came from and if we can remove or it has to stay with some upkeep.

Cindy said that enhancements are in order and the addition of the pads are needed at the park.

Marc indicated that enhancements should stay in line with the original master plan.

Discussion on bathrooms and locations took place. The most used restrooms are the ones on the north and south side of the park and are the ones most in need of repair or relocating one to make it more centralized. Cindy asked if any of the restrooms are handicapped accessible. None of them at this time are. Discussion on specifics of handicap accessible restrooms.

Wendy asked about lighting and Cindy said there needs to be a lot of lighting which helps deter negative activity. She also asked if there are any camera's in any of the parks.

It was also asked if there are any climbing structures in the parks. Gabe recommended some climbing features.

Wendy and Kevin will work on the list and get something put together to have an architect

4) Department Updates

a) Updates

Cindy stated that she was happy to see the update on the Golf Course. Wendy has asked Steve Meyerhoffer to continue to provide the updates. In the spring Wendy will be planning a field trip to the golf course. No changes or additions to the updates.

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.