



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 11:30 AM

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

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Cindy Collins called the meeting to order at 11:30: AM

A quorum was present.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Approval of meeting minutes of May 9th, 2016.

MOTION: Bran Rice moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2017 meeting. Rich Birrell seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Request to approve the Facility Use Agreement between Twin Falls School District and the City of Twin Falls

Stacy reviewed the facility agreement between The City and the School District #411. The school district uses the Cowboy ball field and the golf course. The Parks and Recreation department uses the school gyms during the winter months for basketball. In this agreement the School District has first priority for school property, then the City and then everyone else. The current agreement expired in September of 2016 and the department did not enter into negotiation as that time as the City was in limbo with the pool. The new agreement is basically the same with the addition of the swimming pool and shoulder water and that the district uses the Sunway soccer fields as well. ZT Martinez asked if there were any problems with the last agreement and Stacy indicated that there were no issues. Stacy clarified what shoulder water is for the Commission. Stacy indicated that the School District Board meeting was held the previous night and they agreed and approved this agreement. The P & R Commission approval sends forward the recommendation to the City Council for approval.

MOTION: Z J Martinez moved to approve the request and send it to Council. Tom Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 8 to 0.

- b) Request to approve Parks In Lieu request for Z Country Estates

Request to approve Parks In Lieu request for Z Country Estates. Wendy reviewed the Parks In Lieu request with the Commissioners. Wendy explained the In Lieu of process for the new commissioners. The funds could be used at Vista Bonita and add to the new parks coming up in the new subdivisions.

MOTION: Brian Rice moved to approve the Parks In Lieu for Z Country Estates. Sherry Murray seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 8 to 0.

c) Assignment of parks for Commission review

Wendy gave each Commissioner a copy of the proposed improvements to the existing parks that identified in the Master Plan. Each Commissioner will visit the park and take a look to see if the improvements listed have been completed, if they still need to be done and if the last three years things have changed and there is additional improvement needed outside of what is called for. Parks were assigned as follows:

Gabe Ascension and Sunway Soccer Complex

Sherry Blue Lakes Rotary, Pierce Street, Harmon Park

Aaron Cascade, Oregon Trail Youth Complex

Brian Thomsen Park, Frontier Park

Rich Drury, Fairview Park

Tom, Harrison Park, Willow Lane

Mark, Harry Barry, City Park

Cindy, Morningsun Park, Vista Bonita Park

ZJ, Northern Ridge Park, Sunrise Park

Each Commission can send email notes to Wendy and bring the notes to the next meeting for discussion.

Wendy shared with the Commissioners that the Parks and Recreation department dropped 10% in three areas. When the Citizen Survey was initially taken the results did not give a reason why people responded they way they did. The same presentation was taken out to some public groups and asked them the same questions and then asked them why they answered the way they did. The areas we fell short on was the quality of parks, quality of recreation programs and quality of recreation center and facilities. Wendy learned that the question in regards to the recreation centers and facilities meant the lack of a recreation center. As far as the parks go this group felt there wasn't enough parks, poor maintenance of the parks, the need for more benches and shade, the condition of the dog park is not good, broken playground equipment, lack of fall material under the playground, no tennis net at the Pierce St. Park and that there is a chunk of property between Falls to Pole Line and Eastland to Blue Lakes that has no park. Wendy asked the Commission if they had any feedback in areas that we might be lacking. Cindy indicated that the College does a lot for Seniors and ZJ indicated that he didn't think there was enough information going out about events and or parks in the area. Wendy shared that we do have a Facebook page. Stacy mentioned that we do have Pickleball and that Justin has offered an over 50 kayak trip and has gotten a lot of interest in that. Cindy indicated that she finds things to do in the Thursday newspaper. Aaron asked about perhaps getting emails of events and activities that are available. Stacy indicated that if you sign up on our Dash Platform you can get the broadcasts that are sent out. John Pauley with the pool indicated that he is getting great response with the Dash Platform software. We also have the Activity Guide on the City website.

4) Department Updates

Wendy gave survey feedback.

a) Recreation Supervisor/Coordinators Update

Stacy shared that the Pickleball courts are open however two of the courts are not open as there are no nets. Frontier Field is the only dedicated Pickleball courts. Phase two will add six more courts and lights. Stacy also shared that these courts are very expensive as they are post tension concrete and they help during the winter months. We do not have anything in the Activity Guide for the Pickleball Association but Judy with the association would like to do some clinics for next summer.

b) Aquatics Director Update

John Pauley shared that there was a great turn out for the Special Olympics and that the dome has been removed.

c) Parks and Directors Update

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:40: PM. Next meeting will be July 11th, 2017 at 11:30 am at City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Ave E.