



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 11:30 AM

203 Main Ave E
Twin Falls, Id 83301

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

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Marc Lambert called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM

A quorum was present.

Commission present: Gabe Ostyn, Chance Munns, Brian Rice, ZJ Martinez, Marc Lambert

Commission absent: Richard Birrell, Sherry Murray

Staff present: Wendy Davis, Stacy McClintock, John Pauley, Kevin Skelton, Nikki Miller

2) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Brian Rice moved to approve the consent calendar. ZJ Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5 to 0.

- a) Approve Minutes of the March 12, 2019 Meeting
- b) Approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2019 Meeting
- c) Approve Minutes of April 15, 2019 Special Meeting
- d) Approve the Minutes of the April 30, 2019 Special Meeting

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Consider a request to remove three trees located at 444 and 460 Main Ave. S.
Kevin Skelton presented the request to remove trees located at 444 and 460 Main Ave. S.
Discussion ensued. ZJ asked what the staff recommends. Staff is recommending the removal of the trees as they have outgrown the space.
Chance is concerned about removing healthy trees. The trees are planted to close together and removing one would help the other to survive. The sidewalk and curb could be rebuilt around the existing tree.
Nikki Boyd asked if we are putting in the wrong kind of tree.
Chance indicated that Locust trees need a lot of maintenance and upkeep and they are a recommended tree per the tree replacement guide. He stated that any tree roots could be a problem with buckling sidewalks.
Kevin stated what the code says in regards to not disturbing healthy tree roots.
Discussion continued regarding approving or denying the request. The requests can only be approved or denied.
Chance Munns made a motion to deny the request with the recommendation that we approve the removal of two trees on either side of the driveway. Gabe seconded the motion. Motioned passed 4-1. Discussion followed.
Chance made a motion to recommend having a sidewalk repair plan submitted for review. Seconded by ZJ Martinez. Motion passed 5-0.
- b) Consider request to remove two trees located at 235 Taylor St.
Kevin presented the request to remove two trees located at 235 Taylor St. ZJ asked for staff recommendation. Staff indicated that there are bores in the trees and recommended the trees to be removed.

ZJ Martinez moved to approve the request to remove the trees. Chance Munns seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- c) Consider request to remove a tree located at 154 8th Ave. East
Kevin presented the request to remove a tree located at 154 8th Ave E. This tree removal is in conjunction with the Street Department ADA ramp project.
ZJ asked Nikki Boyd the federal code requirements in regards to this request. Nikki indicated that it is code to remove these trees in conjunction with the handicap requirements for the sidewalk.
ZJ Martinez moved to approve the tree removal request. Brian Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- d) Consider a request for additional text on a plaque for Denny and Connie Zimmerman. Wendy presented the request for additional text on a plaque for Denny and Connie Zimmerman. Wendy talked about the donation policy and the changes that were recommended in 2009 as follows: Inscription –The text of memorials to individuals may include the name of the person being dedicated to, honored, or memorialized, the dates of the birth and death of that person or the date of the dedication or when honored. Any additional text and any inscription for other donations must be directly related to the history of the community, and may identify groups or persons with longstanding ties to the community. Discussion ensued. Wendy also indicated that in the policy it was also requested that all donation and plaque inscriptions be approved by City Council.

MOTION: ZJ moved to approve the bench donation request and send a recommendation to City Council for approval. Chance seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0.

MOTION: ZJ moved to approve the additional inscription on the plaque and send a recommendation to City Council for approval. Chance seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0.

- e) Consider a request to approve additional text on plaque for Bill Crow. Wendy presented the request to approve additional text on plaque for Bill Crow.

MOTION: ZJ moved to approve the bench donation request and send a recommendation to the City Council for approval. Chance seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0.

MOTION: ZJ moved to approve the additional inscription request on the plaque and send a recommendation to City Council for approval. Gabe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0.

- f) Discuss Council Assignment to make a Recommendation Regarding Banning Smoking in Parks and on Trails
Wendy explained that the Commission is to come up with a recommendation to Council regarding to smoking in the parks and trails. Discussion ensued. She asked if there is anything she can provide the Commission to make a decision on this subject. Item will be tabled until next meeting.

4) Department Updates

No comments.

- a) Updates

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:07 PM. Next meeting is June 11, 2019, at 12:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.