



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 11:30 AM

City Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

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

- 1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order
- 2) Consent Calendar
 - a) **ACTION ITEM:** Consider request to remove a tree located at 188 Jackson St.
By: Kevin Skelton
 - b) **ACTION ITEM:** Approve meeting minutes of 12/10/19
By: Nicolette Miller
- 3) Items of Consideration
 - a) **ACTION ITEM:** Reconsider a request to approve a plaque inscription from Jamie Tigue with MaVTEC in memory of Cindy Juker.
By: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director
 - b) **ACTION ITEM:** Reconsider a request to approve a plaque inscription from Wendy Parrott-Carroll and Family for Dan Carroll.
By: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director
 - c) **DISCUSSION:** Continue Discussion of Facility Enhancement Plan Needs for: Evel Knievel Jumpsite, Frontier Park, Sunrise Park
By: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director
- 4) Department Updates
 - a) Department Update
- 5) Adjournment

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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, January 14, 2020
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Kevin Skelton

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Consider request to remove a tree located at 188 Jackson St.

Time Estimate:

N/A

Background:

City of Twin Falls Tree Ordinance, (Ord. 2791, 7-6-2004), 8-4-6 (B) 2. states that Upon inspection, the Twin Falls Tree Commission may issue a permit through the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Dept. The Twin Falls Tree Commission was absorbed into the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission in 2010. This commission is being asked to review all tree removal requests and either approve or deny each as part of the Tree Commission duties.

This application request is for the removal of one tree located at 188 Jackson St.

Staff has visited the site and feels this is a valid request.

Approval Process:

A simple majority will approve this request.

Budget Impact:

There is no budget impact associated with this request.

Regulatory Impact:

Approval of this request will enable Parks and Recreation Director to approve the request and set conditions, allowing property owner to proceed with proposed project.

History:

N/A

Analysis:

N/A

Conclusion:

Staff recommends commission approve this request.

Attachments:

1. Removal Permit
2. 20191113_111525
3. 20191113_111541
4. 20191113_111546
5. 20191113_111604
6. 20191113_111608
7. 20191113_111631
8. 20191113_111503

10/29/19 will submit new Permit app with Sidewalk
GRANT App



CITY OF TWIN FALLS PARKS & RECREATION

PO BOX 1907 / 136 MAXWELL AVE
TWIN FALLS ID 83303-1907
(208) 736-2265 FAX (208) 736-1548



Permit for Tree Removal

Date Oct 9, 2019

I, Steve Rivas, hereby make an application
to the City of Twin Falls for permission to remove a tree(s):

On

☒ Public Right-of-Way

☐ Public Property

Address of work to be done: 188 Jackson Phone: 208 734 0899

All work, which includes stump removal and the planting of the replacement tree(s) must be completed
30 days from per City Code 8-4-6 (B) 4 & 5: PHROGPHARMGR@aol.com

Species Cottonwood Location of Tree(s) ON street

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Reasons for Work: Tree has buckled the side walk and is
encroaching on the street.

The City will respond to your request within five (5) working days from the date of application.

I agree to abide by the conditions set herein:

Steve Rivas

Contractor/Owner/Agent Date: 10/9/19

This permit is hereby approved, said work to be done under the direction of the T.F. Tree Commission.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Director

Completed work inspected by: _____ Date: _____

Replacement Tree Planted? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments: _____

05-26-15

Elevation Tree Service - Manase 208 420 9244

















Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: nic, Nicolette Miller

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Approve meeting minutes of 12/10/19

Time Estimate:

Background:

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

Regulatory Impact:

History:

N/A

Analysis:

N/A

Conclusion:

Attachments:

1. 20191210 P & R Commission meeting minutes



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 11:30 AM

City Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

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

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Z J Martinez called the meeting to order at 11:41 AM

A quorum was present.

Commissioners present: ZJ Martinez, Chance Munns, Amanda Nussbaum, Kirk Melton, Richard Birrell, Gabe Ostyn, Marc Lambert

Commissioners absent: Sherry Murray, Brian Rice

Staff present: Mitch Humble, Wendy Davis, John Pauley, Nikki Miller

Staff absent: Kevin Skelton, Stacy McClintock

Council present: Nikki Boyd

2) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Chance Munns moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Marc Lambert seconded the motion. Motion passed . 5 to 0. (Gabe Ostyn and Richard Birrell arrived after vote)

- a) Approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting
- b) Consider request to remove a tree located at 120 8th Ave. E.
- c) Consider request to remove trees located at 1440 9th Ave. E.
- d) Consider a request to approve a bench donation and plaque inscription from Jamie Tighe with MaVTEC in memory of Cindy Juker.
- e) Consider a request to approve a bench donation plaque inscription from Wendy Parrott-Carroll and Family for Dan Carroll.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Presentation of Commission Duties and Responsibilities
Wendy covered the duties of the Parks and Recreation Commission as there are two relative new Commissioners. She referred to City Code in regards to the Parks and Recreation Commission duties and responsibilities. A discussion on how to handle recommendations from the Council and how to equip the Council with the knowledge needed to make informed decisions. Wendy also pointed out that this Commission also encompasses the Tree Commission, Golf Advisory and Pool Advisory.

- b) Begin Discussion of Facility Enhancement Plan Needs for: Evel Knievel Jumpsite, Frontier Park, Sunrise Park

The discussion of the Facility Enhancement Plan began with conversations about the Evel Knievel Jump site. With the jump site being the second most asked for place to visit, the discussion was geared to establishing what the focus should be for the property; such as, a park, a historical preservation site or a trail head. Citizen safety was discussed as well as monuments or sculptures representing the event, site enhancement and what improvements would be needed, signage and what type of citizen access would be allowed. Chance Munns used this site as a landscape design project for his students and their discussion included the following: Historical preservation, modified access, lookout point, exercise, seating and shade, art/sculpture and natural landscaping. Further discussion was tabled due to time constraints and will be continued along with discussion on Frontier Park and Sunrise Park at the next meeting.

4) Department Updates

- a) Updates

The question was raised as to why the pool water is so cold. John explained that the bubble needs to stay dry to help preserve the bubble and keep moisture levels down. Adjusting the temperature down a few degrees helps maintain moisture control.

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:00 PM



Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Wendy Davis

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Reconsider a request to approve a plaque inscription from Jamie Tigie with MaVTEC in memory of Cindy Juker.

Time Estimate:

Staff recommends allowing approximately 10 minutes for discussion.

Background:

July 20, 2009, Twin Falls City Council approved the Parks and Recreation Department's donation policy to allow additional text on inscriptions. The policy states:

Identification – Donations are typically identified by a plaque of durable material such as metal plate or stone, of modest size and set in concrete or fixed to a permanent object. The plaque may be placed at the base of, or adjacent to the memorial. Approved plaques are purchased and ordered by the donor and the installation is coordinated with the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department. In the case of trees, the plaque shall be not less than 8" by 16" and flush mounted in the ground. Design and placement of plaques must be approved by the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department. Damaged plaques are replaced at no additional charge to the donor.

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.

This request was approved in December, but the application was missing the justification for the additional text. The request was removed from the City Council agenda and requester was contacted and asked to provide the supporting documentation. The Commission is being asked to reconsider this request based on the criteria defined for additional text.

The Council directed staff to have all requests reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission to determine if the additional text meets the conditions outlined in the policy.

Please see the attached Donation Request Form from Jamie Tigie and MaVTEC.

Approval Process:

A simple majority will approve this request

Budget Impact:

Regulatory Impact:

Approval will send a recommendation to council to approve the request.

History:

N/A

Analysis:

N/A

Conclusion:

The spirit and intent of the policy should be considered regarding the type of inscription requested, as well as any precedent a decision might set.

Attachments:

1. Tiguer-MaVTEC donation request
2. Juker Plague Info



TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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DONATION REQUEST FORM

Date: 11/21/19

Requested by: Jaime Tigue, MAUTEC Director

Address: PO Box 5632

Street Address

Twin Falls Id 83301
City State Zip Code

Home Phone: 208-404-1950
(Area Code)

Work Phone: 208-732-6479
(Area Code)

Donation Requested: Bench

(Tree, bench, drinking fountain, picnic tables, playground equipment, picnic shelters, etc.)

Location Requested: Either 1) By MAUTEC/Trail sign @ East Hand/POB Line
Parking lot or 2) sign by Evel Knievel site

Alternative Location: _____

Plaque Inscription: Life is not about weathering the storm, it's about
learning to dance in the rain!
In memory of Cindy Jular, ~~MAUTEC~~ Fearless friend
of MAUTEC. 2019

If you are requesting additional text, please describe how the group or person has longstanding ties to the community or is directly related to the history of the community.

The Benefits are Endless...

The Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department considers the placement of donated amenities, especially memorials, to be permanent. However, should future circumstances require relocation of a memorial; the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department shall endeavor to locate the memorial donor or representative to arrange a satisfactory alternate location. The expense of relocation shall be borne by the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department.

In all cases, the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department will have the final decision on location.

MAINTENANCE AND OWNERSHIP

Upon installation, the City of Twin Falls shall own the amenity donated.

The Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department shall assume responsibility for normal maintenance of such amenities. Damaged or vandalized memorials will be repaired or replaced by the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department at the expense of the City. Plant material will be replaced as part of the department's replacement program and in consideration of the annual planting season.

Approved by City Council 7-20-09

*Send this form to Twin Falls Parks & Recreation, P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, ID 83303.
For further information, please contact the Parks & Recreation office at (208) 736-2265.*

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Donation Name: _____

Site: _____ Type: _____

Completion Date: _____

Donations may dedicate to, honor, or memorialize, a person; or directly relate to the history of the community; or may be donated by groups with longstanding ties to the community, and shall be of any type (types of donations - reference to page 1), so long as its placement enhances the recreational value of its setting, considering factors including, but not limited to, safety and aesthetics.

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Registry – All approved donation applications will be registered in the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation office and include a description of the donation, date of installation, name and address of donor, location, and inscription.

LOCATION AND RELOCATION

The placement of donated park amenities, such as the spacing of benches, fountains, and trees, shall be controlled by the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department, who shall insure that a new installation does not materially detract from or conflict with the significance, quiet, or recreational value of existing facilities nor interfere with a primary public purpose or pose a potential public safety or security risk. New auxiliary park features, such as trash receptacles and park signs will not be placed in a location or manner that will offend or violate respect for an existing memorial or the donor.



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DONATION POLICY

Since the founding of our city, citizens of Twin Falls have enjoyed parks and recreation facilities that have been generously supplemented with the gifts of goods and services by individuals, groups, and organizations.

PURPOSE

To clarify existing policy and encourage the continued donation by individuals, groups, and organizations of amenities which enhance the recreational value of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department, managed lands and facilities, including memorials.

TYPES OF DONATIONS

Park Equipment – this type consists of the purchase and installation of equipment typical to parks and recreation facilities such as benches, drinking fountains, permanent picnic tables, and playground equipment, as may be consistent with the Master Plan for the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department or approved by the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department or the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission.

Trees and Landscaping – this type consists of the purchase and installation of a tree or landscaping feature. Along with the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department the Twin Falls Tree Commission will coordinate the location, species, and the installation of trees. Trees shall be at least a 2” caliper in diameter, and must be of a variety approved in the Twin Falls Tree Selection Guide book or approved by the Twin Falls Tree Commission.

Major Park Amenities – this type consists of the purchase and installation of a facility which fulfills an identified public recreation need, such as buildings, playgrounds, picnic shelters, canyon rim overlooks, park land donations and/or development, as identified by the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department or in the Master Plan for the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department or as approved by the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission or City Council.

The Benefits are Endless...

Wendy Davis

From: Jaime Tigue <magicvalleytrails@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 12:14 PM
To: Wendy Davis
Subject: Re: Cindy Juker Memorial Bench

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Since I hand gave you the application, will you add this justification please?

Cindy Juker, dedicated supporter of the community and long-standing member of Twin Falls Community Foundation, as a volunteer with MaVTEC helping to raise funds for connecting the trail.

Let me know if you need anything else.

On Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 1:23 PM Wendy Davis <wdavis@tfid.org> wrote:

Jaime,

Your application for the bench donation is missing the justification for the additional text on the plaque. It has been pulled from the agenda for Monday night. Your options are to go with a name and date, or fill out the application and include the justification for the additional text, and we can take it back to the P&R Commission in January, and then to council the following Monday. I attached the application with the area highlighted that needs to be addressed.

I should have caught this. I am so sorry.....

Wendy Davis

Parks and Recreation Director

City of Twin Falls

O: 208.736.2265 C: 208.490.0665

www.tfid.org

From: Jaime Tigue <magicvalleytrails@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 2:05 PM
To: Wendy Davis <wdavis@tfid.org>
Cc: Jeff Martin <jeffmartin@jmkitchens.com>; Michelle Martin <mcm021701@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Cindy Juker Memorial Bench



Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Wendy Davis

ACTION ITEM

Request:

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Budget Impact:**Regulatory Impact:**

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History:

N/A

Analysis:

N/A

Conclusion:

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Attachments:

None



Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Wendy Davis

DISCUSSION

Request:

Continue Discussion of Facility Enhancement Plan Needs for: Evel Knievel Jumpsite, Frontier Park, Sunrise Park

Time Estimate:

Background:

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

Regulatory Impact:

History:

N/A

Analysis:

N/A

Conclusion:

Attachments:

1. Project Improvements MP list

Project Improvements – The following is a list of improvement projects by park recommended for the City’s neighborhood and community parks. It is based on the park inventory and the Capital Improvements List developed by the City for the years 2015 through 2019 (see Appendix for City Capital Improvement List).

CITY OF TWIN FALLS PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN - 2016

Neighborhood Parks

Ascension Park

- Basketball court.
- Backstop.
- Sign.
- Trail.
- Picnic shelter or pavilion.

Blue Lakes Rotary Park

- Picnic tables.
- Benches.
- Major amenity (tennis, basketball, volleyball, etc.).

Cascade Park

- Overall the park is in fair shape. It will need watching over the next few years for signs of wear.
- Replace restroom soon.
- Resurface tennis courts in next few years.
- Add sign.

Clyde Thomsen Park

- Overall good shape.
- Trail needs resurfacing.

Drury Park

- Relatively good shape.
- Needs pavilion.

Fairway Park

- This is essentially a detention basin with a walking path around it. It does not have the other amenities a typical neighborhood park needs, and does not have space for them.
- The City is recommending a playground there in the future. This might be something to debate before proceeding.

Harrison Park

- What it has is in relatively good shape. However, it still lacks critical amenities.
- New restroom.

- New shelter or pavilion.
- Add picnic tables.

Harry Barry Park

- Overall good shape. Monitor amenities and see how they function over the next few years.
- Some items in fair shape only, but nothing new needed.

Morning Sun Park

- Good shape for what it has, but needs additional amenities.
- New restroom building.
- New shelter or pavilion.
- Sign.

Northern Ridge Park

- Overall good shape. Everything relatively new.
- Add picnic tables.

Pierce St. Tennis Court

- Another very small neighborhood park with little room for additional required amenities. Don't add them.
- Patch concrete on tennis court.
- Add picnic tables.

Sunrise Park

- Fair condition.
- Based on current condition ratings, needs new basketball court and pavilion.
- New restroom.
- Irrigation system upgrades.

Vista Bonita Park

- Park in good shape and has relatively new features.
- Trail needs slurry coat for maintenance.

Willow Lane Park

- Very small park with no space for all required amenities. Don't add them.
- Could use a few picnic tables and perhaps a small shelter or pavilion

Community Parks

City Park

- Small for a community park, but serves nicely. Very well liked and mostly in good shape.
- Make improvements to band shell (lighting upgrade, plaster repair, floor repair).
- New restroom.
- Upgrade 1 drinking fountain.

- Upgrade 1 of the interactive fountains.

Frontier Park

- Overall fair shape, but needs some upgrades.
- Lighting improvements on fields #1 and #2.
- Sign.
- Restroom.
- Shelter or pavilion.
- Resurface trail (slurry).
- Resurface tennis courts.

Harmon Park

- Overall fair shape, but needs some upgrades and repairs.
- New backstop at Legion Field.
- Sign.
- Score booth replacement at Old Legion Field.
- Upgrade restroom near Field #1 and by recreation building.
- Resurface tennis courts.
- Rehabilitate fire pit.
- Improve youth baseball fields.

Oregon Trail Youth Complex

- Overall fair shape.
- Upgrade 1 restroom.
- New pavilion or shelter.
- Upgrade playground equipment.
- Lighting improvements on Field #4.
- Replace fence near parking lot.
- Slurry coat trail and underneath bleachers.
- Add curb, gutter and sidewalk along Park Ave.
- Adjust outfield fences.

Sunway Soccer Complex

- Relatively good shape.
- Work to improve turf quality of soccer fields.
- Add shelter or pavilion.

Recreation Update

Boys Basketball: The season will start on Saturday January 18th, for boy's grades K-8th. Practices will start on January 6th and will be held at Robert Stuart, Perrine, Harrison, Bickel, Morningside, Rock Creek, Pillar Falls and Oregon Trail. We ended up with 573 participants for the 2020 winter season compared to 584 in 2019.

Adult basketball: The basketball season kicks off this past week. We have 37 men's team this year, which is the same as last year. This year however, we have four leagues instead of the three leagues we had last year. Our season will run through the end of March with a double elimination tournament to follow. Again this year we will play at the three Twin Falls middle schools.

Adult volleyball: The volleyball season will wrap up in the next two weeks, a double elimination tournament will follow. So far this year, we have had minimal issues.

Parks

Structural repairs to the roof supports on the restroom at Thomsen Park have been completed. There was some deteriorated wood due to water damage,

The new basketball standard, backboard and hoop has been installed at Pierce Park. This completes the park updates which included a new play structure, basketball amenities and drinking fountain.

The Golf Course equipment storage building capital project has been completed.

Tree removal permit requests are now available online through the city's website.

Christmas lights were installed in City Park, planter decorations installed. The skating rink was installed in the commons area and the downtown commons Christmas tree was installed and decorated.

Parks crews have set up a UTV with a sprayer and have been experimenting with the use of salt brine applications to select sidewalks we maintain. This is the same solution Street Dept. is using on the streets.

We get the solution from streets then spray it prior to a snow event. So far this has been working and eliminates the need for men and equipment to remove snow after the event.

Pool Update

Facility Usage:

- December 2019: 4,765
 - Pass Holders: 2,205
 - General Admission: 2,560
- October-December 2019: 13,785
 - Pass Holders: 6,868
 - General Admission: 6,917

Winter Programs: Our winter session of swim lessons and Hurricane Swim League begin on Tuesday, January 21. We will have sessions of swim lessons and Hurricanes going from now through May.

Cabin Fever Day: On Sunday, January 12 we hosted our annual Cabin Fever Day. This year we had free admission for the community and The Tower obstacle course as well. AWOL also provided free Discover Scuba classes for the community.

Marlins Swim Meet: The Marlins hosted their annual Igloo Swim Meet at the City Pool on Saturday, January 11. The meet brought clubs from around the region to Twin Falls.

Golf Course Update

Steve Meyerhoeffer

I have hired a new assistant superintendent for the golf course. His name is Jonathan West. He will work for Dario this next season and will take over the following year if all goes as planned. Jonathan has worked at the city course in Nampa and also at Blue Lakes Country Club for the previous 8 years. He is well qualified and a nice young man. Very pleased with his addition to our staff!

The 2020 golf schedule of events is completed and we are looking forward to another busy season. The schedule of events and junior clinics schedule will be updated to our website next month. (twinfallsgc.com)

Dario and Merrill have nearly completed the winter maintenance of equipment. Changing oil, filters, spark plugs, sharpening reels, painting and cleaning are some of the tasks that keep them busy in the winter months. Some of the equipment is getting on in years, but they do a great job of keeping things running that maybe should be laid to rest!! New inventory for the pro-shop will start arriving soon and I will have the shop fully stocked by first of May.

I expect to start hiring back some staff mid February and plan on March 1, 2020 as the kick off for the new season. As a reminder, all fees will remain the same but looking to have a slight increase in 2021.

Director's Update

Wendy Davis

Holiday season is over and we are getting ready for spring projects. The pre bid meeting for City Park was held on Tuesday, and the bid opening will be January 23. We hope to have the new restroom complete by July. Work on Cascade Park restroom and park enhancement projects, as well as Dierkes Lake Park and Preserve Trailhead have begun as well.

We have scheduled a public input session with the Stack Rock Group for Harmon Park, Oregon Trail Youth Complex and Frontier. We invited all our stakeholders (youth baseball and softball, soccer, pickleball, tennis and skateboarders) to the meeting. Public is invited as well, please pass this along to anyone you think would be interested, and feel free to attend as well. The meeting will be January 23, 6:00pm at City Hall.

Parks Department does not plow the trails in the winter. The main reason is to extend the rare opportunity for people to cross country ski or snowshoe. Please help educate and encourage people to enjoy the different winter recreation opportunities a snowfall provides!

We rolled out our new Facility Reservation Request form and process. With the increase in reservations and events in our parks and facilities, we hope this will help streamline the process and provide better communication with event organizers. It also allows for a permit process which should help with communication between parks, police and code enforcement.