



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 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

ZJ Martinez called the meeting to order at 11:39 AM.

A quorum was present.

Commissioners Present: ZJ Martinez, Marc Lambert, Chance Munns, Sherry Murray, Gabe Ostyn, Richard Birrell and Amanda Nussbaum.

Commissioner Absent: Kirk Melton and Brian Rice.

Council Member: Nikki Boyd

Staff Present: Mitch Humble, Wendy Davis, Stacy McClintock, Kevin Skelton and Nikki Miller

Guests: Will Howard and Kylie Gardner from The Stack Rock Group

2) Consent Calendar

a) Approve minutes from September 10, 2019 meeting.

Chance Munns moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting. Gabe Ostyn seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3) Items of Consideration

Steve O'connor gave a presentation on the designation that was given to the City of Twin Falls as a Monarch CityUSA affiliate and a Bee City USA affiliate. That designation came about in early August when Resolution No. 2019-10 was passed at City Council. Other details are required in order to stay within the guidelines for the designation. Steve was also designated as the liaison between the City and the Pollinator Council. The requirements were that the City had to designate an area as a pollinator demonstration garden. The City Council designated the Tom Courtney Conservation Park as the pollinator demonstration park. Cliff Bar, CSI, Tubbs Berry Farm and Lamar Orton Botanical Gardens are also pollinator areas. There are signs that need to be placed and Steve is inviting the Commission to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

a) Park Enhancement Plan Presentation

Will Howard from The Stack Rock Group presented the enhancements to the following parks: Harmon Park, Cascade Park, Preserve Park and the Trail head Concept and Dierkes Lake Park.

Enhancements to Harmon Park include more parking plus handicap access, more restrooms, concessions, playground and skate park expansion.

Cascade Park enhancements are relocating restroom, easier access to basketball court, Ada ramp to lower portion of park, possible splash pad and improve pedestrian circulation.

Preserve Park is a future park located at the Trail head on Eastland and Poleline Rd. Future plans include open lawn space, pedestrian circulation, picnic pavilions, bike repair station and bike lock area, workout station, berm to be used as a natural amphitheater and gathering space. Additional parking and places for pickup and drop off and restrooms. Trees and landscaping.

Dierkes Lake is a widely used facility. New enhancements to the park include. shade trees in the parking lot, drop off area on a one way access drive, Ada parking, accessible walking path improvements looping the site. Possible employee parking a possibility.

Comments from Commissioners: Rich Birrell had concerns about the Harmon Park area on the corner of Locust and Elizabeth. This is a practice field that is widely used and will be taken away if you put parking in there. Wendy indicated that Stacy brought that up in a previous presentation. The parking lot has been pulled.

Sherry commented on Dierkes Lake and wanted to know if there was a better way to access the beach area. Sherry and ZJ commented on the benches that were above the beach that they are way to tall to sit on. Also add more seating. The retaining wall makes it hard to get down to the beach area.

Discussion followed in regards to connectivity of the parks, parking and bike usage.

Discussion on splash pads versus some winter activities. Will indicated that his job is to take what the Commission and the City want in the parks. Information from the Community has already been obtained. Discussion followed in regards to the process with the budget in mind.

b) Update on Park Dedication discussion

This discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

4) Department Updates

Stacy updated the Commission in regards to the Activity Guide. The guide is on the website however the printer went down and the guide is not out in paper form yet.

Wendy indicated that on October 29th, at 2pm there will be a ribbon cutting on the new trail system. Wendy will send out information on that.

a) Department Updates

There were no questions or concerns in regards to the department updates.

Wendy invited the Commissioners to the Ribbon Cutting on the new section of trail on October 29, 2019, at 2pm. Location is on the west side of the trails and there is no parking close to ribbon cutting location. You must park and walk on trail to the event.

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.