



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 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

ZJ Martinez called the meeting to order at 11:43 AM

A quorum was present.

Commissioners present - Sherry Murray, Kirk Melton, ZJ Martinez, Brian Rice, Chance Munns, Gabe Ostyn

Commissioner absent - Marc Lambert, Amanda Nussbaum, Richard Birrell

Staff present - Wendy Davis, Mitch Humble, John Pauley, Kevin Skelton, Nikki Miller

Staff absent - Stacy McClintock

Council present - Greg Lanting

2) Consent Calendar

Tree removal request was moved from consent calendar to the items of consideration for discussion.

MOTION: Sherry Murray moved to approve minutes as written. Brian Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0.

- a) Approve the minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting
- b) Consider request to remove a tree located at 552 3rd Ave. N.
This item was moved to Items of Consideration

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Consider request to remove a tree located at 552 3rd Ave. N

Consider request to remove a tree located at 552 3rd Ave N. Clarification of why the requests for tree removals are placed on the consent calendar by staff. Certain requests are easily identified by staff as a pertinent request to remove and these types of removals will be placed on the consent calendar. Requests with more detail and discussion needed will be placed as an item of consideration. Discussion followed. Chance Munns went into more details of why a particular tree may be removed.

MOTION: Chance Munns moved to approve the tree removal request. Brian Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0.

- b) Consider making a recommendation to City Council to change the "additional text" criteria described in the Council adopted Donation Policy regarding plaque inscriptions.

ZJ Martinez opened the request to the recommendation to City Council to change the "additional text" criteria described in the Donation Policy to the Commissioners for discussion.

Kirk Melton recapped the last two requests that came before the Commission.

Shayne Nope, City Attorney, explained that the best way to go about addressing the Council would be to request a discussion with council and ask Council to consider a change in the language and gain permission for the Commission to come back with a recommended changes. Shayne indicated he would be hesitant to allow broadening the text in regards to 1st Amendment rights. Opening a forum for expression would open the door to any and all people, groups, etc. He would recommend to limit the text even more. Discussion followed and some history on why the code reads the way it reads.

Kirk Melton suggested that the commission go to Council to suggest a change to the "Additional Text" section of the code and give the Commission time to consider if the text could be changed.

Kirk moved to recommend to the City Council that the additional text criteria be revisited. Mitch asked the question, as this is a Council policy, is the Commission asking the Council to allow the Commission to recommend a change or 2) asking the Council to make a change?

Kirk amended his motion and moved to recommend to City Council to allow the Commission to revisit the additional text of the donation policy to revamp the policy with the help of the Parks and Recreation staff. Chance Munns seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4 - 2.

- c) Continue discussion of Facility Enhancement Plan needs for : Evel Knievel Jumpsite, Frontier Park, Sunrise Park
Wendy summarized the meeting that was held on January 23, 2020 with the Community and the Stack Rock group. The areas represented were pickleball, adult and youth softball/baseball, and the skateboard community.

Chance shared the discussion topics that were brought up at the Community meeting in regards to the Frontier Park which is a multi use park. A large part of the group consisted of pickleball representatives and they had quite a large list of requests such as observation berms or bleachers. The concerns at Frontier field were identified as the distance and accessibility from the fields to the concessions and restrooms and parking. Additional playground equipment and to finish the pickleball courts. Picnic tables or covered tables. Wendy displayed the park and showed the layout of the park. She indicated that the pickleball courts have all the stub ins for additional courts and lights, etc.

Sunrise park: Sherry Murray indicated that this park is in an area where there is a lot of children in the neighborhood. The school lunch program brings lunches there in the summer. The benches in the park are in need of updating. There are no sidewalks and accessibility to the shelter that is at the back of the park. The shelter needs to be moved or placed in easier accessible area or just add some picnic tables throughout the park. Chance indicated that the shelter could be linked to other areas of the park. Sherry likes the shelter in the back and leaving it there. Kirk recommended more play equipment and that there is no parking. Wendy indicated that this park is what a typical neighborhood park looks like. ZJ Martinez indicated that the benches are very awkward to use and updating them would be beneficial and update the basketball court. ZJ also thought this park would be a good one for themeing. Chance talked about the accessibility again and that the shelter is not linked to any other events that happen at the park. Perhaps it would get more use if there were sidewalks in the park.

Wendy had taken the consultants by the park and what they saw was that there is no access to the picnic area. Accessibility is a key feature in all the parks and is being looked at. Wendy also talked about the demographics of the areas that the parks are in and what would be a good fit for that specific park. Wendy also talked about maintaining the amenities in the parks.

Kirk Melton shared his views on the park. The shelter being so far in the back doesn't seem to get used much so possibly moving the shelter closer to the front of the park. He also thought more than one porta potty during the summer would be helpful. Kirk also thought more playground structures would be a good idea.

The basketball court is asphalt and the tree roots have damaged it.

Gabe reiterated that it is a nice neighborhood park. The question is, leave the park alone as it is or make it a more functional high maintenance park? Is there money to make changes?
Wendy injected that this park was designed to be a neighborhood park and it serves the

4) Department Updates

ZJ Martinez asked for an update on Cabin Fever Day. Wendy gave an overview of the event and indicated there was a good turnout for the event. Kirk asked what the minimal issues were? Minimal issues would be complaints about refs, coaches and that sort of issues.

a) Department Updates

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM.