



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 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 11:39 AM

A quorum was present.

Commissioners present: Richard Birrell, ZJ Martinez, Marc Lambert, Brian Rice, Kirk Melton, Amanda Nussbaum, Gabe Oystn.

Commissioners absent: Chance Munns, Sherry Murray

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, John Pauley, Nikki Miller

Staff Absent: Kevin Skelton, Stacy McClintock,

Council Absent: Greg Lanting

2) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Rich Birrell moved to approve the minutes with correction to show Rich Birrell absent at last meeting. Kirk Melton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

a) Approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Commission Meeting

3) Items of Consideration

a) Twin Falls Golf Club Annual Report

Steve Meyerhoeffer presented an update to the Commissioners for the last year. Golf rounds has increased in the past year, which has also increased revenue in the Golf club and restaurant. The Junior Golf clinics has also increased in size. The maintenance building has been completed and all the equipment is in one building. Sprinkler computer update which will be on the city software. Wendy indicated that the windows operating software that supported the Toro sprinkler system was really old and had gone down once before; the Golf Course cannot risk the sprinkler system going down during the summer so the new operating software was mandated. The restrooms have been completed and a lot of complaints have been given. ZJ asked what is contributing to the increase in number. Steve indicated that new people to the City and the special rates that are given to the bigger companies is bringing out more players.

Steve's concerns are cost of equipment, sprinkler heads which are \$235 each and each year 10-20 are replaced, the water used to water the greens is canal water which causes issues with the grass such as moss, bunkers and the sand within in the bunkers. The sand gets replaced but within a small amount of time they get very hard. When raking, the sand mixes with the soil and when raking the bunkers it sand ends up being a mixture of sand and dirt. Steve is going to completely replace the entire sand in 9 of the 16 bunkers. The net in the driving range is falling down and needs to be replaced.

Steve shared his concern regarding agreement between the City and himself for the funds that he pays to the City that is held for smaller projects and how he has not gotten those funds to be able to do the small projects. Rich Birrell asked about the bridges that are in the works. Wendy explained what has happened with the process for the project at this time. With the water coming back in the near future it will probably not be done until next winter when the water is down. Wendy discussed the budget/accounting aspect concerning money that Steve is paying to the City and the expenses and the subsidizing that the City has incurred in the past years. More discussion followed. Wendy will follow up with finance on this concern.

b) Friends of Muni Golf Tournament

Steve explained the purpose of the Friends of Muni Golf Tournament. The funds are to help with golf course maintenance projects. Steve handed out a sample flyer from last year and what the fees for sponsorship's, teams and individuals are. The event is a scramble and all the fees go to the projects. Steve waves the greens and cart fees. Lunch is provided by the golf course. Steve is asking the Commission to promote and obtain sponsorship's, teams and raffle prizes for this event. Discussion ensued.

c) **Project and Budget Update**

Wendy updated the Commission on the that work is being done based on the results reached from developing the Enhancement Plans for the each park.

Cascade, Dierkes Lake, The Preserve and Harmon Park are the first parks that we started with. The restrooms at Cascade have been removed along with the concrete area that was in the middle of the park. The department is getting prices for the new restroom, fixed the sprinkler system and have estimates for the sidewalk. Prices are escalating with each move that has to be done to get the building phase. The Cascade restrooms and sidewalk will probably be the only thing to get done this year. The Preserve trail head will go next year. City Park restroom is being worked on. The Dierkes Lake project is funded to correct the access and sidewalks will be put in. Next year's project will include the parking lot expansion and restroom at the corner of Eastland and Poleline, any piece of Cascade that doesn't get finished and then start working on the restroom's at Frontier Park. Harmon Park is a large project which includes some restrooms and parking lot enhancements which is on the back burner until final decisions are made. The Stack Rock group will have the final concept renderings for the three projects that were started last year and the preliminary stage for the three this year, Sunrise, Evel Knievel and Frontier. Wendy indicated that Council wants to address fixing the Shoshone Falls road. Discussion ensued.

Ticket booth is tentatively to open March 19, 2020 and John Pauley has stepped up to manage the ticket booth. There is some trail maintenance being done down at Auger Falls and have the department has been working with Dirt Trail Alliance, the County and the Mid Snake Research and the Conservation District to do some weed abatement, fire wise planting and trail maintenance. Auger Falls is managed a lot by partnerships and volunteers however, The Parks department is getting more involved.

Wendy acknowledged and thanked Marc Lambert for his six years of service on this Commission. Today was his last meeting. Wendy is working on getting interviews scheduled for the new opening. Also, the April meeting may be canceled due to the State of the City address.

4) Department Updates

ZJ asked John Pauley about his updates and how the pool is going. No questions on the rest of the updates.

a) **Department updates**

ZJ Martinez opened the floor to John Pauley to report on the activities that are happening at the pool. ZJ asked about the water polo program and John talked briefly about that.

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM