



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 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

Chance Munns called the meeting to order at 11:58 AM

A quorum was present.

Commissioners Present: Richard Birrell, ZJ Martinez, Brian Rice, Chance Munns, Kirk Melton

Commissioners Absent: Sherry Murray, Gabe Ostyn, Amanda Nussbaum

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Kevin Skelton, John Pauley, Stacey McClintock, Nikki Miller

2) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Kirk Melton moved to accept the consent calendar. Richard Birrell seconded the motion. All members present voted, motion passed 5-0.

- a) Consider request to remove trees at Various Parks and City Properties
- b) Consider request to remove a tree located at 261 7th ave. North
- c) Approve minutes of the March 10, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

3) Items of Consideration

- a) **ACTION ITEM:** Review the "additional text" criteria described in the Council adopted Donation Policy regarding plaque inscriptions and develop a recommendation for City Council.
Kirk Melton shared that he reviewed and researched other entities policies and came to the conclusion that the additional text needs to be stricken from the policy. Discussion followed. Chance Munns called for a motion. ZJ Martinez moved to take the recommendation to City Council to remove the current additional language from the Donation Policy. Richard Birrell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. ZJ Martinez moved to request that City Council add the following verbiage, in memoriam, in memory of, in honor of and donated by.
Richard Birrell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

4) Department Updates

a) Verbal presentation by staff.

John Pauley updated the commission on the reopening of the pool. The pool initially opened with reservations for lap swim. Reservations are available to the public online. Social distancing was also implemented. The bubble has been removed. The shallow side of the pool has been opened for an exercise program. John will update at the next meeting once family swim time has been implemented. Swim lessons are to start July 6, 2020.

Stacy McClintock shared the effects of the pandemic and the office closure on the department. Softball and baseball has been opened for registration for the season. The department has implemented social gathering guidelines for the practices and games. The league starts July 13th. Justin, the coordinator for adult league has opened registration for the adult softball season. He also added an adult corn hole competition and has 13 teams. The department has also developed a roving playground during the school lunch program offered at the schools. Park reservations have been down, some of the larger events, for example the Criterium and Western days have postponed until next year. People are still reserving the the shelters for smaller family events.

Kevin Skelton updated the commission on the status of the parks. The pandemic has given additional time for the parks to rejuvenate and the grass is looking very good. Staff from other areas were assigned to the Parks department to help in completing projects that were on the back burner. Arbor Day celebration was held at Sunway Soccer Complex with local news media present. The capital projects for Cascade, Golf course bridges and FEP's are moving forward. The COVID preparations to upgrade the restrooms with soap dispensers and air dryers has been done. The City Park restroom updating is almost complete. The entire building and floors were painted. Hand dryers are due in soon.

Wendy also updated the commission on all the precautions and planning that has taken place during the pandemic, explaining that it was a rough go but we all made it through.

There is an opening on the Commission which we have applications for and interviews can be achieved.

Kirk Melton asked about the Friends of Muni golf tournament. Rich Birrell indicated that the tournament it will take place July 18th with shotgun start at 8:30 am. It was recommended that the Commission work on obtaining raffle donations and getting teams for the tournament.

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:04 PM