



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 11:30 AM

City Hall - Room 116
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

Members Present: ZJ Martinez, Richard Birrell, Sherry Murray, Gabe Ostyn, Brian Rice, Kirk Melton, Corey King

Absent: Chance Munns and Emily Huber

Council Liaison: Greg Lanting

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Stacy McClintock, John Pauley, Justin Wolters, Kevin Skelton, Brandy Mason, Elois Joseph, Leila Sanchez, Kim Hafer

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

ZJ Martinez brought the meeting to order at 11:40 am. A quorum was present.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the October 13, 2020, Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Sherry Murray moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Kirk Melton seconded the motion. Voice vote showed ZJ Martinez, Richard Birrell, Sherry Murray, Kirk Melton, and Corey King voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

Brian Rice and Gabe Ostyn joined the meeting.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Microsoft TEAMS training

Kim Hafer conducted the Microsoft Teams training. Wendy Davis discussed the value, efficiency, and accessibility features in the Microsoft Teams program for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

- b) Consider a request for a bench donation from Anna Vines and the Pickleball Association for Frontier Park.

Wendy Davis explained the request.

Discussion ensued regarding the request for an image/symbol on the plaque. Concern was expressed regarding the impact of allowing symbols or images on donation

plaques.

The Commission asked if the City could put the symbol on the plaque. The Kenny Poe Park sign was discussed as an example where the City may add additional information to enhance the signage. The sign at Kenny Poe Park was a donation but since the City had added the sign, additional verbiage was added by the city for historic reference.

MOTION:

Gabe Ostyn moved to approve the donation of the bench with the original description as stated in the donation request, without the symbol. Kirk Melton seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 TO 0.

c) Facility Enhancement priority discussion.

Wendy Davis discussed a project list, FY 2020-21 budget, and upcoming facility priorities for FY 2022.

Facilities that are currently being worked on are Cascade Park, Dierkes Lake, Harmon Park, Frontier Field, Sunrise Park, and Evil Knievel jump site, and Preserve Trailhead.

Ascension Park, Blue Lakes, Morning Sun Park, and Harrison Park are also on the list. There was discussion regarding looking at the list again to discuss which facilities are the next three to be worked on based on funds received.

List of parks on the project list will be sent to commission members to plan and discuss priorities for FY 22 at the December 8, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Greg Lanting discussed property taxes and how it affected the FY 20, 21, 22 budgets.

Facilities Enhancement priority discussion to be scheduled for December.

4) Department Updates

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Kevin Skelton gave an update on parks.

John Pauley gave an update on the pool including the following:

- the modification and adaptation of programs and facilities in response to the governor's Stage 3 order
- the new showerheads and sinks conversion from geothermal to city water, and the improvement of the showerheads.

Stacy McClintock gave an update on recreation including the following:

- the youth basketball programs and seasons that are coming to an end.

Justin Wolters gave an update on adult basketball and survey results as listed below:

- 92 responses were received in a two-week period from the survey regarding the season and playing with possible restrictions.
- 70 % prefer to keep the season at 10 games without reduction of games played. Of

the 70 %, 56 % preferred to play multiple games per week which would allow the season to finish.

- Majority of the participants agreed to play in the back gyms. 46 % agreed to play until the season is complete without time restrictions — to play until the season ends.
- Decision to stick with the season as is and schedule multiple games per week as allowed. This season was reduced by 20-25 %

Wendy Davis gave an update on the golf course including the following:

- Number of rounds played this year exceeded expectations
- Maintenance and repair, including replacement of netting, roof repair, and trees. It was determined that not many trees were damaged, so there is no need for replacement of the trees that were lost during the windstorm.
- Expectation that during winter (February) the bridge process will start, and by March the process can continue based on the flow of water in the creek.

Councilmember Greg mentioned the COVID relief grants for businesses in Twin Falls that Steve stated he would be applying for to help the costs of the operation of the golf course in the amount of up to \$ 10,000.

Discussion ensued regarding the bathroom on the golf course that needs repair (roof and inside building fixtures).

5) Adjournment

ZJ Martinez adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:06 p.m.

Leila A. Sanchez and Elois P. Joseph

Recording Secretary