



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 11:30 AM

Members Present : Chance Munns, Chairman; Richard Birrell; Brian Rice; Kirk Melton; Corey King.

Members Present (not voting) : ZJ Martinez.

Absent: Emily Huber; Sherry Murray; Gabe Ostyn; Greg Lanting, Council Liaison.

Staff Present: Mitch Humble, Kevin Skelton, Stacy McClintock, John Pauley, Elois Joseph, Kim Hafer.

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Chance Munns brought the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting minutes from December 8, 2020

MOTION: Kirk Melton moved to approve the Consent Calendar, items a-c, as presented. Richard Birrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined that Chance Munns, Richard Birrell, Kirk Melton, and Corey King voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

- b) Request for tree removals Masqueray Lofts
- c) Request to remove tree 275 Fillmore Street
- d) Request to remove a tree located at 411 4th Ave. North

MOTION: Chance Munns requested that this item d) be moved from the consent calendar to items of consideration to further discuss the tree removal permit detail.

3) Items of Consideration

- d) Request to remove a tree located at 411 4th Ave. North

Discussion ensued regarding the language in the permit application that requested the stump to not be removed. The client had also requested to keep the wood from the tree. Policy was discussed regarding the right-of-way trees where if the tree is removed, the stump should also be removed, and the tree should be replaced. City ordinance was discussed, regarding the permit, that the stump must be removed, and the tree must be replaced. As such, the Parks Department states the conditions under which the tree would be removed, regardless of what the permit application requests. Discussion ensued regarding the motion being modified to clarify that the conditions under which the permit is approved.

MOTION: Kirk Melton moved to approve the tree permit under the conditions that it follows City of Twin Falls policy/ordinances. Brian Rice seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined that Chance Munns, Richard Birrell, Kirk Melton, Corey King, and Brian Rice voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

4) Department Updates

a) Department updates

Stacy McClintock gave the update on recreation, including:

- Monthly Newsletters
- “Find Elvis” Elvis in the Park activity.
- Boys basketball season will be ending soon.
- Sporties for Shorties and Spring Soccer registration are now open.
- Partnership with Twin Falls County Youth baseball for a pitch-hit-and-run.
- Horseback riding lessons & camps
- Potential programming - coffee talk series, with restrictions due to COVID-19
- The new backstop and dugouts at Legion fields, Parks staff Amador was commended on the job well-done. There is a potential to do the same at Oregon Trail.
- Discussion regarding the basketball programs.
- Concerns were brought up with the schedule update for the basketball practices, as there was some confusion regarding the schedule updates.
- Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of a smaller team size considering the younger groups.

Kevin Skelton gave the update on Parks, including:

- Tree Inventory software was discussed
- DT Commons restroom and Facility enhancement at Cascade was discussed
- Minor equipment and body work for out vehicles that are being taken care of
- Canyon Rim Trail fencing being replaced/ fixed
- Upgrades to the commons fountain, including chemical control system
- The connectivity to the Canyon Rim Trail (balance between the snowing vs. ploughing to meet the needs of the community) Federation to Poleline, will be set up to be cleared from snow, sidewalks will be ploughed, and brine will be sprayed.
- Bridge at the golf-course, the bridge will be done by next week with guard rails.
- Harmon Parking Lot is under construction. Batting cages are being taken out, we are yet to have a construction schedule as some of the items are being submitted through Idaho Power. Landscaping and lighting at Harmon are an option as there are budget allows for it this year.
- Frontier Pickleball courts are now illuminated, and the new restroom is currently in progress.
- Discussion ensued of the Tree Inventory software and the importance and value that it provides for the community.

John Pauley gave an update on the pool, including:

- Presidents day hours 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Swim lessons and hurricane swim leagues, with potential lessening of social distancing

based on governor's orders.

- Bringing back the inflatable obstacle course (Saturdays 12 p.m. – 4p.m.) at the end of March; moving the lap-swim time to accommodate the obstacle course.
- Finalization of Summer Programs
- Junior Lifeguard Camp
- High school water polo club will be hosting their championship at our City Pool, the pool will be closed Friday and Saturday to accommodate the championship game.
- sharing lap- lanes for all 8 lanes starting in March.
- Discussion ensued about the tower obstacle course, and the location of where it would be in relation to the pool and the lap-lanes.
- Stacy McClintock offered gratitude and acknowledgement toward Chance Munns and ZJ Martinez as this meeting was their last meeting.
- ZJ Martinez announced his last meeting as he is moving. He expressed his gratitude to serve as part of the Commission, and the lack of the Chairman/Vice Chairman. He stated that Kirk Melton would be a good candidate for an officer position.

5) Adjournment

Chance Munns adjourned the meeting at 12: 40 p.m.

Elois P. Joseph, Administrative Assistant

Recording Secretary