



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 11:30 AM

Members: Chairman, Cindy Collins; Vice-Chairman, Marc Lambert, Richard Birrell; Aaron Camacho; Z J Martinez; Sherry Murray; Gabe Ostyn; Brian Rice; Tom Reynolds

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Cindy Collins called the meeting to order at 11:30: AM

A quorum was present.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Approve meeting minutes of July 11, 2017.

MOTION: Sherry Murray moved to meeting minutes of July 11, 2017 as written. ZJ Martinez seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Motion passed 7 - 0.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Approve request by Twin Falls Kiwanis club for an inscription on park bench at City Park
Wendy presented the Kiwanis Club request to have additional inscriptions placed on two 6' benches that are being donated to be placed in City Park. Wendy also explained the donation and plaque donation policy. **MOTION:** Z J Martinez moved to approve the park bench donation with the additional wording . Tom Reynolds seconded the motion. Approved 8 to 0.

b) Commission reports on park and trail visits

The Commissioners were given assignments to visit the following parks and trails and report back their findings in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Sherry visited Harmon Park , Rotary Park and Shoshone Falls. The following is her comments from her visit:

Rotary Park had a crack in the sidewalk and there is one tree that appears to be dead. This park is relatively new and is in pretty good shape however there was some weed encroachment. The playgrounds in all the parks could use some new bark. The concrete that holds the garbage can in place is coming out of the ground. There is a dry area of grass that the sprinkler might be missing.

Harmon Park fountain is not draining, there was standing water and the basketball hoop is missing the net. There is some cracking on the picnic tables and dry grass around the trees. The tennis courts have cracks in them. It appears to be overrun by teenagers and a lot of people don't visit it. There is a structure that appears to be a place to have a fire because it looks like a chimney.

Shoshone Falls had some caution tape and cones up, Wendy indicated that the caution tape was on private property but needs to come down. Protective fencing and stonework is solid and in good condition, blocked view along the walkway could be improved by trimming out overgrowth caused by Russian olive trees. The restrooms smelled bad, were full of flies and there was standing water. There is wear and tear along the fence so a pathway there might be considered. The brick paving, asphalt and kiosks look good.

ZJ visited Rock Creek Trail/Victory Bridge to Bracken St. Canyon Rim Trail/Visitor Center to Eastland/Poleline Trail and the BMX Park.

BMX Park sign could use some paint, popular park, users would like the park maintained to get rid of the divots. Top of the hill needs to be flat and wider to be able to be used for the actual half pike. Comment also on standing water where grass was seeded. Rock Creek trails themselves are great.

Rock Creek Trail by Bracken street does have some wide cracks. Comments from citizens on the park were to add a potable water station and a restroom would be great. Extremely clean and well maintained and citizens love this trail as it is in a natural state, long trail and peaceful. There is a sign that has the word "firearms" scratched out on it. The word had to be scratched out because we legally cannot prohibit firearms. Citizens asked for a sandy place to enter into the creek.

Canyon Rim Trail Visitor Center to Eastland is a beautiful trail. It is in great condition. There is only one trash can on the trail and adding a couple other trash cans placed would be great. A restroom would also be a great addition. Wendy indicated that the property we own does not allow us the opportunity to build a restroom. Discussion on the possibility of placing a porta potty somewhere on the Canyon Rim Trail.

Gabe visited the Five Points Art Project. Gabe will present his findings at the next meeting.

Rich visited Tom Courtney Conservation Park.

Courtney Conservation Park is a representative park for the public to see the natural

4) Department Updates

No questions for the updates.

- a) Recreation Supervisor/Coordinators Update
There were no questions raised for any other updates.
- b) Parks Update
- c) Aquatics Director Update

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm. Next meeting will be September 12, 2017 at 11:30 am at the Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Ave E.