



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 11:30 AM

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Members Present: Kirk Melton, Chairman; Sherry Murray, Vice-Chairman; Gabe Ostyn; Corey King; Kevin Jensen; Jade Titus; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, John Pauley, Elois Joseph, Kim Hafer

Guests Present: Iris Hawkins and Jim Olson from the Twin Falls Rural Fire District.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes from May 11, 2021.

Kirk Melton requested to remove the minutes from the consent calendar to items of consideration for further discussion.

- b) Request to remove at tree 108 Taylor St.
Kirk Melton requested to remove this item from the consent calendar to items of consideration for further discussion.

- c) Request to remove tree 184 Taylor St.

MOTION: Jade Titus moved to approve the consent calendar with item c only. Sherry Murray seconded the motion. Approved 9 to 0

3) Items of Consideration

Request to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes from May 11, 2021

Discussion ensued regarding the original motion that was made in the May 11, 2021, meeting. The correction needed to state that Micheal Metcalf initiated the motion at the end of the meeting that was voted on and Kevin Jensen seconded the motion for the item pertaining to the tree removal by Fran Florence. The correction was noted and applied.

MOTION: Kirk Melton moved to approve the minutes with the corrections applied; Micheal

Metcalf seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 9 to 0.

Request to remove a tree at 108 Taylor Street

Discussion ensued regarding the condition of the tree including the following:

- The tree roots that are lifting the sidewalk.
- Options of working around the tree to help repair the sidewalk were discussed.
- The declining crown of the tree due to bore damage
- Discussion ensued regarding whether the tree will be replaced.
- The city as a community/urban forest was discussed.
- The ages of the trees within the urban forest
- The choice of the tree, given the growing space
- The commissioners taking an opportunity to visit the trees in person
- The susceptibility of Ash trees being inflicted with bores

Ashley Squires left the meeting

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the request. Heather Muth seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined the request was approved 6 to 2.

a) Commission Orientation: Naming Policy

Wendy Davis briefly discussed the naming policy including the following:

- The naming of streets, buildings, and other items that come through the consideration of the Parks and Recreation Commission
- The criteria in the naming policy
- The approval of the next of kin

b) Consider a request from the Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District to name the new regional training facility the "Jim Bieri Regional Fire Training Facility".

Iris Hawkins explained the request including the following:

- Location near the Municipal Golf course
- Donation of \$3 million for the project
- Jim Bieri's contributions to the community

MOTION: Kevin Jensen moved to approve the request . Gabe Ostyn seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined the request was approved 8 to 0.

c) Consider a request from the Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District to name a pavilion

at the new training facility the "Fred Walker Pavilion".

Iris Hawkins explained the request and the donation of land near Twin Falls Walmart to the City for a fire facility

Discussion ensued regarding the approval of the proposed language on the plaque and the fact that the naming policy does not address language requirements for a plaque.

The specific criteria and procedure listed in the naming policy was discussed.

Other types of signage such as historical signs or additional signage for context, such as at Kenny Poe Park was discussed.

MOTION: Sherry Murray moved to approve the request if the plaque meets the criteria of the policies. Jade Titus seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined the request was approved 8 to 0.

- d) Discussion of the naming of the trailhead parking at the corner of Eastland and Poleline.

Description of the role of the Parks and Recreation Commission in determining a process for or arriving at a name for the new park currently referred to as "Preserve Trailhead".

Further discussion of this item was tabled for a later meeting.

- e) Commission Orientation: TEAMS
In the interest of time, this training item was tabled for a later meeting.

Heather Muth left the meeting

4) Department Updates

- a) Department updates

Kevin Jensen discussed the Friends of Muni Golf Tournament on Saturday July 17 at 8:30 a.m. including the following:

- Sponsorships were discussed.
- The benefit of the tournament monies going back to the Golf Course
- Previous years projects and the projected projects for this year were discussed.
- Ways through which the commissioners can help were discussed

Wendy Davis spoke about the role of the Parks and Recreation Commission as a Golf Advisory Board. Raffle prize donations can be brought to the Parks and Recreation office, or directly to the golf course.

John Pauley gave a brief update on the Aquatics Center including the following:

- The bubble coming down in May 2021
- Pool operations, Swim league
- the addition of the new inflatable on the shallow side of the pool
- The inflatable tower on the deep side of the pool

Wendy Davis discussed the issue with finding employment for the Parks and Recreation Department and asked the commission to help spread the word to potential employees.

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.