



TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

May 13th, 2014* * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Joey Martin, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Carl Legg, Ryan Horsley

Members Absent: Marc Lambert, Tom Reynolds and Liyah Babayan

Council Present: None

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer, Stacy McClintock, Mitch Humble, and Nikki Miller

Staff Absent: N/A

MINUTES

Chairman Kevin Dane called meeting to order at 11:35 am.

Item #1 Welcome new Members

Welcome to Joey Martin. Joey introduced himself, he moved here in 1999 at the age of 13 and his parents put him directly into Parks and Recreation sports. He likes the way the City of Twin Falls government works and wants to be a part of that and he feels that Parks and Recreation Commission is a good fit for him.

Dennis indicated that Marc Lambert was appointed and knew he would miss his first meeting. Liyah Babayan was also reappointed to the Commission.

Item #2 Election of New Officers

Kevin Dane's term is up in March of 2015. Kevin indicated that he would be glad to continue until his term is up. Carl Legg motioned to have Kevin Dane retain the position as chair person. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion.

Tennille Adam's indicated she would continue on as Vice-chairman is nominated. Ryan Horsley motioned to retain Tennille as Vice-Chairman and Tony Brand seconded the motioned. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item #3 Approve minutes of the date meeting

Tennille motioned to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 meeting. Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Baseball & Softball: Registration ended Monday April 28th and as of May 6th we have 970 participants overall compared to 997 at the end of last year. We had 38 late registrants just in the past two days, so we may well exceed the 997 from last year, by the time the leagues begin. Practices can start the week of May 19th and the season will begin the week of June 9th.

Men's League Softball: Rosters were due on May 2nd. We ended up with 16 teams, up two teams from last year. The league will start on May 27th, 2014. They will play on all three fields at Harmon Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays nights.

Coed League Softball: Rosters were due on May 2nd. We ended up with 36 teams (5 upper, 8 middle, 16 lower and 7 in the recreational league). The league will start on May 28th, 2014. They will play on all three fields at Harmon Park on Monday and Wednesday nights as well as both fields at Frontier on Wednesday nights. Friday nights will be used by both leagues for rain out games if needed.

Hershey's Track Meet: Hershey's 37th Annual Track and Field Games was held on Saturday May 10th, 2014 at the Canyon Ridge Falls High School Track. We have decided this year to add a 7-8 year old division, since Hershey's has made that option available for local meets this year. These kids will not be eligible to advance to the state meet, but this will give them some experience and opportunities to get out and try track and field. The Twin Falls Kiwanis Club is co-sponsoring the event.

Summer Tournaments: This summer will exceptionally busy for our fields and staff. To start of the softball season we had the men's icebreaker tourney on May 3rd-4th, the Spring Fling One Pitch Coed tournament will be held on May 30th -June 1st. On June 6th -7th, we will be hosting the Twin Falls Invitational girl's fast-pitch tournament at all of our facilities. On June 13th-14th Twin Falls County Youth baseball will hold the Boys of Summer tournament at the Oregon Trail Youth Complex, Harmon Park and Sawtooth fields. July 11th-13th will be the Hot Summer Nights ASA Coed tournament. July 19th & 20th will be the Rockers Coed One Pitch tournament. The Men's Doorslammer will take place on August 22nd-24th at Frontier and Harmon Park. Finally at the end of September we will finish out our season with the 8th annual Chad Seiders Memorial Coed One Pitch tournament.

Our focus over the next three months will be baseball and softball for not only our program but preparing the fields for Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth and the Adult Softball programs.

Registration for our Sporties **for Shorties**” program is in process. This program is designed for 4 and 5 year old boys and girls. This program is designed to introduce the fundamentals of all sports, soccer, basketball, football and baseball in a non-competitive environment. Each Saturday, participants work on skill development while having fun. There are no designated teams or coaches and parents are required to participate with their child. Each participant will receive a t-shirt.

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation has teamed up with the Senior Center adding new classes for all ages. Check out the Recreation Guide for all the information.

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Guide Summer/Fall 2014 is currently out. Check it out on-line or pick up your very own copy at any city office or at the library, YMCA/City pool.

Staff is working on getting the safety netting over at the Oregon Trail Youth Complex.

A storage container for the Sunway Soccer Complex has been purchased.

Bids for the resurfacing of the West Harmon Tennis courts have been sent out.

We are in late registration for youth baseball/softball. There will be a \$10 late fee added to the account.

The past month the Parks Department has been working on the following projects and regular maintenance:

Baxter’s Park the fencing is completed; most of the curb, gutter and sidewalk are complete. Parking lot paving preparations are under way. Dennis is meeting with Steve Vawser and Leah Scrimpsner to look at the meet and greet area. We are considering the synthetic turf for that area as that will be a high use area.

The pilot project for the recycle program was presented to the City Council and they appreciated us moving forward with this. Dennis chose Harry Barry, Cascade and Thomsen parks as these have the most shelter reservations. We didn’t see a lot the first weekend but City Council would like us to expand if it goes well. We have talked about how to expand it in the bigger parks and City Council did want to over burden staff or cost. Perhaps we could pass the cost along to the user, however we are still in the beginning stages of this project. The Rapids Tournament had some recycling containers out there but Dennis had not talked to them yet to see how it went.

Dennis made the presentation to the City Council for the all-inclusive playground and they were in favor of it. The Council did have some concerns in regards to parking and they directed staff to look at another site. Dennis is working with the Urban Renewal Agency to see what property they have and also looking at what property we have and other locations for the park. CSI has a strip of grass to the south of where we are going to put the park that they could convert to a parking lot, which will

cost some money to do that, but they could put 20 to 24 parking spaces there. We are hoping to go back to Council the first of June with options.

Kevin mentioned the URA and the pocket park and nice it looks and that they did a good job on it.

Kevin asked about the demo day that River Rat will be putting on down at Dierkes Lake this weekend. It starts at 10:00 am and goes to about 2:00 pm. They will have canoes, kayaks and the standup paddle boards available. The weather looks like it will be nice.

Kevin recommended that we do a park tour next and Dennis recommended doing it at the next Commission meeting after the meeting is adjourned. We will plan on doing the tour at our next meeting, June 10th, 2014 once we adjourn the meeting.

Doug McCoy Construction has begun construction work on the restroom and shelter at Blue Lakes Rotary Park and the shelter at Frontier Field. Weekly mowing has begun as well as weed abatement.

The CAM contracts have been awarded and implementation has begun.

All irrigation systems are up and running.

Dennis mentioned that the YMCA will be presenting their annual report to the Commission on June 10, 2014.

The underwater park presentation was given to the City Council and they gave the approval to move forward as long as they get all the required permits. Once he gets approval Paul will have a limited time to get the park done. They are hoping to get it done this summer.

Item #5 Other Items from the Commission

Dennis indicated that we do have money budgeted to do a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Dennis will be doing a proposal for a Request for Qualifications to release to firms to get it done this budget year.

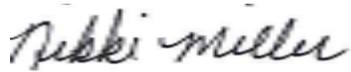
Dennis explained the ID program that we have implemented for coaches. We do local background checks and once they pass they get the ID badge that they are to wear at games. We are also going to be placing signs at the fields to remind spectators that these are kids and volunteers.

Auger Falls will also be closed from 8am to 5pm during the week for the construction and safety reasons as there will be big trucks traveling up and down that road. The Southern Idaho Mountain Bike Association has many trails that people are also walking. We will need to get some signs installed down there that say "stay on trail" or "trails closed". We are also working on some large signs and some interpretative signs as well to be installed during next year's budget

We have our first BMX bike park. The International Mountain Bike Association along with Bob Seastrom from Cycle Therapy and a lot of volunteers to build the pump track. We are maintaining it right now to help keep it packed. We are out there watering so help get the dirt packed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 10th, 2014 at 11:30am located at the City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Ave E.

Nikki Miller

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki Miller".

Administrative Assistant