



# TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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## TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

January 13, 2015\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Tennille Adams, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley, Marc Lambert, Joey Martin, Liyah Babayan, Carl Legg and Tom Reynolds

**Members Absent:** N/A

**Council Present:** Shawn Barigar

**Council Absent:** N/A

**Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer, Stacy McClintock, and Nikki Miller

**Staff Absent:** Mitch Humble

## MINUTES

Chairman Kevin Dane called meeting to order at 11:36 am.

**Item #1** Approve minutes of December 16, 2014 meeting – Commission  
Tennille Adams motioned to accept the meeting minutes as written and Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

*The Benefits are Endless...*

## **Item #2 Parks & Recreation Staff Report – Staff**

Stacy reviewed the Recreation Staff report with the Commission. Boys' basketball registration is full and it starts January 17<sup>th</sup>. Adult basketball started on January 5<sup>th</sup>, we reformatted the leagues classifications from lower and upper to East and West. Adult volleyball is going smoothly. The Cabin Fever day was a success. We partnered with Activate Magic Valley. There was a roundup after the event to see what went well and what didn't and overall it was a success. We are doing that again last year. The ski programs with Pomerelle and Magic Mountain is a success also. Magic Mountain is getting more involvement. Registration is being taken for youth wrestling and spring soccer. Stacy is gathering information for the Spring/Summer Activity Guide.

Dennis commented that we have four women's basketball teams not three as there was a late registration. Dennis went on to cover the Parks staff report. Winter maintenance is still in effect with the snow we have had. The department works on shoveling snow for the City facilities and some of the parks. We do not do every single park in town but try to get areas where kids walk to school. The Parks department is finishing up the pruning. Last week interviews were done for the new position in the department. We were able to justify new positioned based on the ratio that Dennis came with. About every twenty manicured acres we have we have one full time employee and for every sixteen manicured acres we have one seasonal employee. We have added about 23 manicured acres since the last time we added an employee. We are going to bring this person on the first of February.

## **Item #3 Update on Parks & Recreation Master Plan – Staff**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the Steering Committee was held on Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the City Council Chambers. JUB will be working with the Steering Committee as well as City staff on making sure that the Master Plan is a working document with the community needs addressed. Our timeline for the Master Plan will be pushed back some due to the late start with the Steering Committee, should have the plan completed in May or June of next year.

This meeting's agenda is to review the goals and objectives that were discussed at the December meeting and review the draft survey and discussion concerning the survey. The survey should be released in late January or early February.

Staff has put together an inventory and conditions assessment for each park, trail and open space owned by the City. The assessment applies to each individual amenity or piece of equipment within each park.

The next meeting is in March 5, 2015 here in the Council Chambers and anyone is invited to attend.

Tennille asked after the results are in, will the discussions on the Recreation District proceed with talks on the Recreation Center? Dennis indicated that one of the questions in the survey is about a Recreation Center and a Recreation District.

**Item #4      Parks In Lieu of Request – Staff**

The Morning Sun # 8 subdivision is a proposed 91 household units on 30.47 acres. The subdivision is located at the southwest corner of Falls Avenue East and Hankins Road North, just south and west of the Boy Scouts office. Attached are the Parks In Lieu Contribution application and a map showing the location of the proposed subdivision.

One section of the in lieu of application, allows the developer to reduce their in lieu amount by using a formula to determine the cost of the trail and the cost of the land underneath the trail. Also the developer is requesting to use the value of the in lieu of amount for improvements to the existing Morning Sun Park (which is directly south of the subdivision), those improvements to the park has to be approved by City staff before proceeding with the improvement. Potential improvements could be a shelter or a restroom at Morning Sun Park.

Staff supports the developer's request for a Parks In Lieu of contribution and their request to use that value of the In Lieu of contribution for improvement at the park that have to be approved by City staff.

Ryan Horsley motioned to approve the In Lieu of request. Tennille Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Dane called for a roll call vote. All voted in favor of the request and motion passed. Dennis will take the request to City Council.

**Item #5      Commission Members Terms – Staff & Commission**

Three member's terms expires at the end of March. Kevin Dane and Ryan Horsley will have served their full two three year terms on the Commission and are not eligible to be renewed. Tom Reynolds' 1<sup>st</sup> three year term expires, but he is eligible to be renewed for another three years. All re-appointments and appointments must be made by the Mayor. Staff will begin advertising for the openings very soon. Dennis let Tom know that if he is interested in continuing on the Commission he will need to send an email to Dennis.

**Item #6      Other Items from Commission**

First Federal Bank has given the City a gift to fund an all-inclusive park and water splash park. This park will be located at the Sunway Soccer Field on the northeast side of the park. The park will take two possibly three soccer fields however we will be acquiring another five acres from the school district to replace the fields. The additional five acres will be to the south of the park. The playground will be 13,000 square feet and will have the synthetic turf. The splash park will be approximately 3,000 square feet in size. Both features are scheduled to be done by the middle of May. There will be sidewalks from the parking lot to the playground that will be ADA compliant.

Tennille said she has been hearing a lot of good feedback on this park.

Tony Brand asked if there was a way that we could post signs reminding people regarding the leash law and the pick up of your dog waste. Dennis said that we could look into that.

Joey asked if we are still allowing or authorize people to use Harmon Park as a temporary dog park. We are not utilizing any of the parks as a temporary dog park as we now have Baxter's Park.

There was discussion on the possibility of getting people ticketed or given a warning for the first offense of having dogs off leash. Dennis indicated that he would talk to Animal Control and ask them to keep an eye out for unleashed dogs in our parks.

Liyah asked if we could put something out to the public in regards to park etiquette.

Tennille commented on adding information on Baxters Park at the bottom of the code signs.

Dennis indicated that Morgan Construction was awarded the contract for the replacement of the stairs down at Dierkes Lake. There was a deadline given of June 1, 2015. We are replacing all the stairs and adding two additional set of stairs and a ramp. Dennis also indicated that there has been discussion of having sidewalks from the parking lot to the lake and that there has also been discussion on an ADA dock for people to fish off.

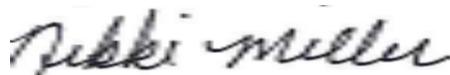
Paul Melni that is working on the underwater park has indicated that the parts of the plane and helicopter that was going to be put down is no longer available and that buying a skeleton of an airplane is very expensive. He is working with The Twin Falls Community Foundation to get donations.

Dennis also reported he turned in his official retirement papers and his last day will be June 26, 2015.

Liyah asked if he had any items or projects that he would like to see the Commission continue to work on and if so could he put it in writing for them. Dennis indicated that one of the projects was the completion of the Canyon Rim Trails and perhaps a Recreation Center. He said he would put something together for the Commission

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:30 am at the City Council Chambers, 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave E.

Nikki Miller

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

Administrative Assistant