



TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

June 9, 2015 * * * * * 11:40 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Tony Brand, Marc Lambert, Liyah Babayan, Carl Legg, Joey Martin, Tom Reynolds, Brian Rice and Richard Birrell

Members Absent:

Council Present: N/A

Council Absent: Shawn Barigar

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

Staff Absent: N/A

Guests: N/A

NOTES

Chairman Tennille Adams called meeting to order at 11:35 am. There was a quorum.

Item #1 Welcome New Member

City Council appointed Brian Rice to the Commission at the Council meeting on June 8, 2015. Welcome Brian. Brian was given the opportunity to speak about himself and why he wanted to be on the Commission. Brian was approved for a three year term.

The Benefits are Endless...

Item #2 Approve minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting

Carl Legg motioned to accept the minutes as written, Joey Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item #3 Parks & Recreation Staff Reports

Stacy covered the staff reports with the Commission as follows:

Baseball/softball began on June 8th, 2015. We have hired and trained approximately 40 seasonal staff to do field maintenance and prep, umpiring, tennis court maintenance and batting cage operation. The Girls Fast Pitch tournament, the biggest one we host, was the 5th and 6th of June. All our fields will be utilized for this tournament. Men's and Coed softball league started May 11th and so far it is running well. This year we added a recreational division allowing for ultra-competitive to the purely recreational leagues for all skill levels. They will play June, July and tournaments running is late July early August.

Junior Disc Golf will start on Wednesday July 1 and Tennis lessons start June 10 for the first session and July 20th for the second session.

Storytime Pottery is up and running for the summer with stories and pottery painting designed for ages 2-7.

Movies in the Park will start on Friday, June 26th, at 9:30 pm. The first movie is Ghostbusters.

Concerts in City Park started Thursday, June 4th.

Our shirts for the softball program have been ordered and a big thank you goes out to Dr. Ward for sponsoring shirts this year.

Dennis covered the staff report for the Parks department with the Commission. Joey Martin reported that the temporary fencing out there is constantly on the ground and that the garbage cans are always overflowing.

Item #4 Naming Sections of the Canyon Rim Trail

Staff is proposing to name sections of the Snake River Canyon Rim Trail System in honor of LaMar Orton and Gary Young. These two men were very instrumental in getting our trail systems in place. Dennis gave some history on the Rim Trails and those we are naming the trails after.

Staff is proposing to name the Washington St./Perrine Coulee trail as the LaMar Orton trail section, and to name the Perrine Bridge East and West trails at the Gary Young trail section.

Joey Martin asked about the signage as most people will not know who these people are. Dennis indicated that we will probably do a ribbon cutting and have a write up explaining who they are and perhaps we can have a separate brochure in the future just for parks and highlight those individuals.

Richard Birrell made a motion to approve the recommendation and Marc Lambert seconded the 15th or the 22nd at the latest.

Item #5 Donation Request

Staff has received a request for an enhanced inscription on a plaque for three donated benches along the Centennial trail section dedicated to the Hiskey and Langdon families. The proposed benches location is about 200' past the first switchback on the Centennial trail section. The

request form is attached. A copy of the Donation Policy is also attached. The requested text is: "Dedication to our beloved parents, Peter and Valna Hiskey and LL Bert and Marian Langdon with gratitude for their incalculable contribution to our lives, families and descendants. Jim and Lorraine Langdon Hiskey, June 2015. The City Attorney said that there is no problem with the verbiage.

Joey Martin asked if the benches will be the same type of bench that is currently being used and Dennis indicated yes they will be the same. The cost of the benches is paid by the donor and the Parks department puts the benches in.

Liyah Babylon motioned to accept the subscription for plaque that will be placed on the donated benches. Brian Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item #6 Update on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Before we went on to the update Dennis notified the Board that Wendy Davis has been chosen for the Director's position. JUB wants to give a presentation to the Board for the draft Master Plan. In conjunction with Wendy starting Dennis gave the Board two dates, June 22 or the 24th for the meeting. June 24th was selected for the meeting at 11:30 am. Dennis will get a copy of the draft to the Board to review prior to the meeting.

Item #7 Other Items from Commission

Joey Martin asked if the Parks & Recreation department has looked into the possibility of doing a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. He indicated that he has played in numerous of these events and that the setting is half of the draw and Twin Falls has many areas that would be great sites for the event. Stacy indicated that the department does not have the time or manpower to put on more programs such as this. Should we get the position we hope for this could be looked at. We could entertain the idea of partnering with someone like CSI who could run the event.

Tony Brand expressed his gratitude for all the years of service that Dennis has given to the community and that Twin Falls is a better place because of him.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm. Next meeting is July 14, 2015 at 11:30 am, located at the City Council Chambers at 305 E. 3rd St., Twin Falls, Idaho.

Nikki Miller

