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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

January 11, 2011 * * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Jeff Blick, John Bonnett, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley and Carl Legg

Members Absent: Liyah Babayan, Tony Brand and Bill Merritt

Council Present: Trip Craig

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble

MINUTES

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:39am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the December 14th, 2010 meeting

John Bonnett made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14th, 2010 meeting. Carl Legg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Recreation and Parks staff reports. Cabin Fever Day was held on Saturday, January 8th and was very successful. This community event is very popular each year. Magic Mountain ski packages started last week and Pomerelle ski packages will begin on Sunday, January 16th. There is still time to sign up.

Boy's basketball will be starting on Saturday, January 15th. Adult basketball began on January 5th. Adult Volleyball is still going on and will be wrapping up by January 24th.

Parks staff is working on winter maintenance in the shop. The Sunway restroom is under construction and should be finished by April. The Ascension restroom should be going out to bid soon and should be finished by summer.

Item #3 Arbor Day

Dennis gave the Commission a history of where Arbor Day has been celebrated in past years. Typically, Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April. Arbor Day would fall on April 29th this year. Staff is recommending that Arbor Day be celebrated at South Estates Park. They plan on planting the trees toward the east side of the park. The playground equipment, shelter and restroom will be more toward the west side. Once these amenities are placed, more trees will be planted around them. There are usually 3-4 trees that are planted on Arbor Day as part of the ceremony. In the past, the Boys and Girls Club and employees from Cactus Pete's have participated in the Arbor Day ceremony. Funds have also been donated from Cactus Pete's for the celebration. John asked that we invite the Blue Lakes Rotary Club to the ceremony. Jeff suggested getting the word out to the community to possibly get more donations for the future to be able to plant more trees in years to come.

The Commission agreed with staff's recommendations to celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 29th at South Estates Park.

Item #4 Recreation Center Sub-Committee

Trip informed the Commission that the Recreation Center sub-committee is moving forward. There will be a media release asking for volunteers from the community to serve on the committee. Commission members Jeff Blick and RoLynne Hendricks were appointed by the Commission to serve on this committee. Since that time, RoLynne has resigned from the Commission. Carl Legg and Ryan Horsley volunteered to serve on the committee. Because only 2 members of the Commission can serve on the committee, it was decided that Jeff Blick and Carl Legg will serve on the committee with Ryan Horsley serving as a back-up.

Trip advised the Commission that this sub-committee will discuss ideas for a recreation center and that no decisions can be made from this committee. Any recommendations will go through the Commission and then will move on to City Council. There will be a lot of different ideas and opinions and Trip expects it to last awhile. He would like to have members appointed to the committee as soon as possible so they can have a meeting. Trip should have more information and hopefully have all members on board by the next Commission meeting.

Item #5 Project Updates

Dennis informed the Commission that the partnership with the Blue Lakes Rotary Club for South Estates Park was accepted by City Council and they should start installing playground equipment this summer.

The trail development proposal from the Twin Falls Rotary Club was also accepted by City Council. Exact locations of the trail have not been finalized yet.

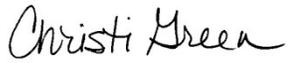
Dennis is working on a staff report for the Main Avenue Fountain Plaza concept plan. It will be presented to the City Council late this month or the first part of February. If Council accepts the proposal, The Land Group will be responsible for getting cost estimates of the project.

Item #6 Other Items from the Commission

Nothing was reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be February 8th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.



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February 8, 2011 * * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan, Jeff Blick, John Bonnett, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley, Carl Legg and Bill Merritt

Members Absent: None

Council Present: Trip Craig

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble

Guests: Dee Ann Jenks, Modern Woodmen of America’s youth group; Terry Downs, Modern Woodmen of America; Max Newlan, Twin Falls Community Garden Board; John Pauley, Aquatics Director YMCA

MINUTES

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:34am.

Amendments to the Agenda:

Added: Donation request for a memorial tree in City Park.

John Bonnett made a motion to amend the agenda to include a donation request for a memorial tree in City Park. Tennille seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the January 11, 2011 meeting

John Bonnett made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 meeting. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Recreation and Parks staff reports. Our youth sports and adults sports programs have been going well. Wrestling will start February 28th. We will be using both Canyon Ridge and Twin Falls High School. There has been no response back from the First Presbyterian Church regarding re-surfacing the gym floor.

Cabin Fever Day was a great success. Challenger basketball went well. We are hoping to get more kids signed up in the future. Stacy is beginning to work on the Spring/Summer guide.

Parks staff has been doing winter maintenance on the equipment in the shop.

Item #3 Dierkes Lakes Beach Project Proposal Presentation

Dee Ann Jenks with Modern Woodmen of America's youth groups presented their proposal of replacing the sand at the Dierkes Lake beach area with white sand. They are planning an Ecology Carnival on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Dierkes Lake Park. They are requesting that the funds collected that day be used as a match in their fundraising efforts for purchasing the sand. If this request is approved, the amount collected that day will be sent to the Modern Woodman of America Boise office and they would issue a check for twice that amount up to \$5,000. Terry Downs explained how their process works and why the money gets sent in to them for them to turn around and send back a larger check with the money that was matched. He explained it is for tax purposes and also the publicity of presenting a group with a larger sum of money.

Dennis showed the Commission the area where the sand is proposed to be replaced at Dierkes Lake. One of the obstacles has been how to prevent the sand from moving out into the lake. Currently, we have a fenced off section where the young kids and non-swimmers must stay inside the area. Every few years, we must replace the construction fencing. Also, we drive a tractor into the lake and pull the sand back to the beach area. Working with the Engineering Department, we have had to figure out how to prevent the sand from moving out in the lake. We are removing the fencing and placing large concrete barriers in that area so the sand can only go so far. We will continue to use a tractor and pull the sand back to the beach area. The City has budgeted \$8,000 for this project this year. This will cover the expense of the purchase and installing of the concrete barriers.

Dennis said on the 3rd Saturday in April, the City has averaged \$1,580 in revenue for Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake for the past nine years; this does include two years where we experienced very large flows and the revenue was very large also. The revenue collected goes into a separate account separate from the general fund. The Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake account is an enterprise account where all the funds generated is used to maintain and operate the complex. Staff doesn't see a problem accepting this proposal since the funds generated will be going back into a project for the park.

John Bonnett made a recommendation for City Council to accept staff's recommendation that we donate the gate fees collected on April 16th, 2011 for the Dierkes Lake beach project to Modern Woodman of America and they will match funds up to \$2,500 for the project. Ryan Horsley seconded the recommendation. All those present were in favor of the recommendation.

Item #4 Community Garden Proposal Presentation

Max Newlan with the Twin Falls Community Garden Board presented to the Commission a proposal of building a community garden at Harrison Park. The proposed site is in the southwest corner of the park. They would put in a drip line that would tie into the City's irrigation system and build a fence around the garden area. They would like a three to five year commitment for the plot of ground and have several letters of support from

community members. This plot of ground would provide for 10 plots for families and would be approximately 1,700 sq feet. This garden area would not cost the City any funds, as they would pay for the modification of the irrigation system to supply them the water. Also, they would get all the necessary permits from Planning and Zoning for their garden, fencing and a small storage building.

The Commission discussed their thoughts and concerns. Tony strongly supports this community garden and would like to see the Commission support it as well. He feels that it will engage the community in taking part of growing a garden. Carl is concerned that this type of community garden doesn't belong in City parks. He's also concerned about vandalism. He mentioned that CSI already has a community garden available. Tony commented that CSI has a waiting list for their plots. Kevin feels the owner of the property next to the proposed garden site be contacted so they are aware of the project.

Dennis gave a brief history of Harrison Park. The park is 2 acres with playground equipment and a backstop. There is no restroom at this time but one may be built in the future. The close proximity of interested citizens to participate in a community garden is the main reason of selecting Harrison Park; also the park isn't very busy with activities since the park lacks a restroom and shelter.

Should the Commission grant this request, staff recommends approval be subject to the following conditions:

1. A lease agreement between the City and the Garden Board is developed.
2. The lease will be for three years to include an out clause if they fail to maintain the garden to City standards.
3. The Garden Board provides a liability insurance policy for \$500,000.
4. The produce from the garden can't be for resale purposes.
5. The Garden Board pays for all modifications to the irrigation system as needed with City review of design ensuring water usage is no more than current practices.
6. Subject to all Planning and Zoning regulations.

John Bonnett made a motion to accept the proposal from the Twin Falls Community Garden Board with staff's recommendations to City Council with the addition that the owner of the property next to the proposed garden site be contacted. Tony Brand seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Tennille Adams, John Bonnett, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley and Liyah Babayan voted in favor of the motion. Bill Merritt, Jeff Blick and Carl Legg voted against the motion. Motion passed 6 to 3.

Item #5 City/YMCA Pool Annual Report

John Pauley, Aquatics Director with the City/YMCA pool, presented the annual financial report to the Commission. The total revenue for the year was \$242,681.42. The total expenses for the year were \$260,838.63. This gave a net income of (\$19,905.46). Dennis gave an overview of what expenses the City takes care of. The City budgeted \$240,000 this year for the pool. He also informed the Commission that the City has started setting aside \$50,000 this year and for the next four years to replace the bubble when it needs replaced.

Item #6 Recreation Center Committee Update

Trip informed the Commission that they have received 8 applications for the Recreation Center Committee. Trip, Dennis and Greg Lanting will be doing interviews on Friday, February 11th from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Parks and Recreation office. Since they have added Greg Lanting to serve on the committee, they will need another Commission member to serve so Ryan Horsley will now serve full-time on the committee. They will also have someone from the Boys & Girls Club, CSI, Twin Falls School District, Salvation Army, YMCA and

St. Lukes serving on the committee. Trip stated that out of the 8 applicants, they will choose 2-3 individuals to serve on the committee as well. The first meeting has not been planned yet but it is looking like it will take place in March.

Item #9 Donation Request

Dennis has received a donation request from Councilman Lance Clow to plant a memorial tree at City Park in memory of Mary Inman. The plaque will read: "In memory of Mary Inman, Twin Falls Historian, Conservationist and Friend. 1928-2010."

Tennille Adams made a motion to accept the request as written. John Bonnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 Project Updates

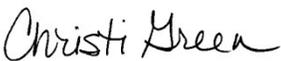
Kevin asked Dennis about Arbor Day. Arbor Day will be held on Friday, April 29th at South Estates Park. Dennis updated the Commission on the Sunway restroom/concession stand project. The goal is to have the restroom done in April. Staff will be doing a Request for Proposal for the concessionaires for the concession stand.

Item #8 Other Items from the Commission

Tony asked if the parks tour will be re-scheduled. Dennis would like to have the tour when we have a new Commission member. John Bonnett's term will be ending in March and we can start advertising before the next meeting for a replacement. The tour will be re-scheduled after the new member begins.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be March 8th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.



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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

March 8, 2011 * * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan, Jeff Blick, John Bonnett, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley, Carl Legg and Bill Merritt

Members Absent: None

Council Present: Trip Craig

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer

Staff Absent: Mitch Humble

MINUTES

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:38am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting

John Bonnett made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8th, 2011 meeting. Tony Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Recreation and Parks staff reports. Adult Basketball tournaments will begin the week of March 14th and end on March 31st. The season has been going well. Winter youth basketball wraps up on March 5th. The spring soccer season will begin on April 4th. We are still accepting late registration. There will be a Men's Softball organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd. Adult Volleyball will conclude the week of March 14th.

Stacy is working on the Spring and Summer guide. It should be finished by the end of March or early April. Fence capping has been ordered and will be installed sometime in March. This is the same product the college and high school uses on their baseball and softball fields.

Parks staff has been doing winter maintenance on the equipment in the shop. A used trails sweeper was purchased with the help from the Street Department.

Item #3 Opening on the Commission

This is John Bonnett's last meeting on the Commission. Advertising has begun to fill his position. Applications are due March 25th. A plaque will be presented to John in front of the City Council April 4th.

Item #4 Recreation Center Committee Update

Trip updated the Commission on the Recreation Center Committee. We now have all members of the committee on board.

Members of the committee are: Sam Fowler – Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley; Ed Patterson & Nicki Kroese – Salvation Army; Kirk Brower – Twin Falls School District; Gary Ettenger – YMCA; Wendy Rice – St. Lukes; Joe Bate – CSI; Jeff Blick, Carl Legg & Ryan Horsley – Parks & Recreation Commission; Scot McNeley, Chris Clark, Chris Scholes & Alan Stutzman – Citizens at Large; Will Kezele, Trip Craig & Greg Lanting – City Council and Travis Rothweiler, Mitch Humble, Stacy McClintock and Dennis Bowyer – City Staff.

The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 15th at 11:30am in the Council Chambers. Trip stressed to the Commission that this is an exploratory committee only. He feels that this could take at least a year to work on. This committee will research different options of a recreation center or district. Ryan mentioned that he would like to have some information from other cities that have gone through the same process available at the meeting.

Item #5 Project Updates

Dennis updated the Commission on the progress of the Sunway restroom. It is on schedule to be finished by April 1st. Requests for proposals for concessionaires were due on March 3rd. We received three proposals. Staff will be reviewing them soon.

Three "you are here" signs have been installed along the Canyon Rim Trail at the end of Washington St, Visitor's Center and Shoshone Falls. Dennis had five signs made. The goal is to have the signs at every mile. Two more signs can be installed when the trail connects from Eastland and Poleline Rd and the Evel Knievel jump site.

City Council approved the Dierkes Lake beach project, which all money generated that day will go towards the project and Modern Woodman will match that amount up to \$2,500.

The Community Garden project has been put on hold. The City Council had some questions on using park land property for a garden and use of water. Staff is putting a meeting together to work through these issues before it comes in front of the Council.

Jeff asked if there has been any progress on the Rotary trail. Dennis hasn't heard any more on the project. The Rotary is still working with CSI and the College's Foundation on the alignment of the trail.

Item #6 Other Items from the Commission

Ryan thanked Dennis for the work put into the open house for the Fountain Park Plaza. Dennis mentioned that there were 30-35 people that showed up for the open house.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be April 12th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.

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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 12, 2011 * * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan, Jeff Blick, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley, Carl Legg and Bill Merritt

Members Absent: None

Council Absent: Trip Craig

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer

Staff Absent: Mitch Humble

MINUTES

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:42am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the March 8th, 2011 meeting

Tennille Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8th, 2011 meeting. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Recreation and Parks staff reports. Spring soccer numbers have been dropping year to year. Games started on Saturday, April 9th and the season will run through May 3rd. Registration has begun for baseball and softball. Men’s softball fees and rosters are due April 29th. Fees have gone down this year due to the teams deciding to run a 16 game league without a tournament and the home team will now provide a score keeper for that game. We have started an adult outdoor soccer league this year. There are 8 teams and they started games on April 8th.

The Spring and Summer guide is now available. Guides are available at the Parks and Recreation office, Hansen Building, City Hall, Library, YMCA and the Y/City pool. There are a lot of leisure activities available this summer. Our Sporties for Shorties program is very popular, along with the Shawn Black Skateboarding

Clinic. Shawn was recognized for his generous service and contribution to the City at a City Council meeting last year. He donates all of his time to offer this clinic.

Fence capping is being installed on the fences at Oregon Trail Youth Complex, Frontier Field and Harmon Park. All capping should be installed by the middle of April. The Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run baseball competition will take place on Saturday, April 16th. This is a free event.

Parks staff has been busy working outside getting all the restrooms in the parks open. They have also completed spraying dormant oil on the trees. A new project has started on the Shoshone Falls/Centennial Trail wet lands. They are working with the Engineering Department to develop wet lands to help with the settlement of what is being deposited into the Snake River so the City can save approximately \$5 million dollars to keep from having to make improvements at the wastewater treatment plant. There will be 100-120 trees planted and walking paths will be developed.

Item #3 Parks In Lieu of Request

Zebarth Subdivision First Amended is a two lot subdivision on 4.3 acres. They are replatting the existing two lots. The subdivision is located on the west side of 3300 E approximately ½ mile south of Falls Avenue East. There is an existing single family residence located on the property; only one household unit will be counted toward the in lieu of formula. Using the Twin Falls County Assessor's 2010 value of land, the price per acre is calculated at \$19,599.77 per acre and using the in lieu of formula, the in lieu of payment is \$513.00

Currently the closest neighborhood park is Morning Sun, located approximately 1 ¼ mile to the west. Since the dedication requirement from this subdivision is only .01 acres, staff supports the developer's request of an in lieu of contribution.

Tim Vawser with EHM Engineers, representing Mike Zebarth, gave a brief history of the lots that are being replatted. Mike Zebarth became the personal representative of his brother Tim's estate after he passed away. He was under the impression that this land was already platted, which it was, under a conveyance plat. Tim had sold the lot to the north based on the conveyance plat. The new owner of that lot went in for a building permit and was told that he couldn't get one; he had to plat the land, which is ordinance. Tim Vawser is requesting that the Commission reduce or waive the in lieu of fee on this development.

Discussion followed on the request to reduce the fee or waive it.

Carl made a motion to accept the in lieu of contribution as presented and forward the request to City Council. Ryan seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all those present voted in favor of the motion.

Item #4 Opening on the Commission

Dennis informed the Commission that advertising for the opening on the Commission was done and only one application was received. Dennis has spoken with Mitch and Travis about possibly reducing the Commission's members from nine to seven. We would just not fill the openings until we reach seven members. In past years, the Commission had seven members. The Commission agreed to reduce the number of members to seven once member's terms expire.

Item #5 Arbor Day

Arbor Day will be held on Friday, April 29th at 4:00pm at South Estates Park. Four trees will be planted as part of the ceremony with the Boys and Girls Club and employees from Cactus Pete's volunteering to help. Holes will be pre-drilled to make it easier to plant the trees. Kevin suggested having a plaque made up to present to the Boys and Girls Club and Cactus Pete's for their support each year for Arbor Day.

Dennis informed the Commission that the County has had an Arbor Day parade the last two years in Twin Falls but are going to start having the parade in different communities. This year the parade will be held in Filer on Saturday, April 30th.

Item #6 Recreation Center Committee

The first meeting of the Recreation Center Committee was held on Tuesday, March 15th. Jeff Blick reported that he felt everyone was very optimistic about a recreation center. It was a little overwhelming as to where to start with everything. Members volunteered to tour and research different facilities and will report back at the next meeting. He is hopeful that within a year a formal recommendation will be made from this Committee to City Council.

Item #7 Community Garden Committee

Dennis informed the Commission that City Council directed staff to form a committee to look at the idea of community gardens in Twin Falls. The Committee will consist of three members of the community (Max Newlan, Jim Schouten and Stacy Madsen), two members of the Commission (Kevin Dane and Jeff Blick), two members from City Council (Trip Craig and Rebecca Mills-Sojka) and two from City staff (Mitch Humble and Dennis Bowyer). Staff has been researching community gardens in other communities. A meeting should be set sometime this month.

Item #8 Project Updates

The Sunway restroom is now open. Dennis was asked by Council to speak to the Idaho Youth Ranch and Claude Browne's about possibly building restrooms in their buildings for the public to use as part of the Main Avenue Fountain Plaza project. Dennis has not been in contact with them yet.

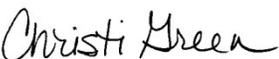
Council has directed staff to open a process for Request for Proposals for the pool. Over a million dollars was spent at the pool over the past four years with no revenue to the City. The majority of these expenditures were capital improvement projects. On average, city staff spends 850 hours at the pool per year.

Item #9 Other Items from the Commission

Nothing was reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be May 10th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.



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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

May 10, 2011* * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane and Ryan Horsley

Members Absent: Liyah Babayan, Jeff Blick, Carl Legg and Bill Merritt

Council Present: Trip Craig

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble

MINUTES

No official meeting due to lack of quorum.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be June 14th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.

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June 14, 2011* * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley, Carl Legg and Bill Merritt

Members Absent: Liyah Babayan and Jeff Blick

Council Present: Trip Craig

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble

Guests: Larry Davidson, Community Garden; Jed and Melanie Hurt; Steve Vawser, Tom Young, Kari Henkle and Carol; representing the Magic Valley Canine Social Club

MINUTES

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:35am

Item #1 Approve minutes of the April 12th, 2011 meeting

Tennille Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12th, 2011 meeting. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation staff reports. Baseball season has started with more participants enrolled this year compared to last year. There are two weekend tournaments scheduled during the month of June. Men’s softball has been running smoothly this year with the season concluding on July 14th. The adult soccer league will conclude on June 24th and has been very easy to run and the participants have had a great time.

Our Sporties for Shorties program is still very popular, along with the Storytime pottery classes. The fence capping has been installed on the fences at Oregon Trail Youth Complex and partly at Frontier Park and Harmon Park. They are expected to be completed by the middle of June. Our first Movies in the Park was

canceled due to inclement weather. We will show the canceled movie next year. The next movie will be *Annie* on Friday, June 24th at 9:30pm at City Park.

The municipal pool RFP's have been sent out to various companies around the Magic Valley, as well as being advertised on the NRPA website. The RFP's are due by Friday July 8th.

Dennis informed the Commission that the Dierkes Lake beach project is completed. They raised over \$13,000 for the project and a little over \$5000 was spent on the sand. The remaining funds are going to be used to purchase swings for the playground. Dennis also mentioned that the Shoshone Falls are flowing at approximately 19,000 cfs, which is very high for this time of year. Approximately \$62,000 was collected in gate fees in the month of May.

The Sunway restroom has been completed and a restroom will be put in at Drury Park this summer. Staff has been working on the pool boiler issues as well.

Item #3 Recreation Center Sub-Committee Update

Trip updated the Commission on the last Recreation Center Committee meeting. Members have broken into three different sub-committees to get more work done between meetings. These sub-committees will look at Facilities, Locations and Funding sources. The Committee has suggested quite a few locations; downtown being the area that was most discussed. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 21st at 11:30 am.

Item #5 Parks In Lieu of Request

Dennis reviewed the parks in lieu of request. K & L Subdivision is a proposed three lot subdivision on .652 acres. The subdivision is located on the east side of Sparks Street North, north of Caswell Avenue West and south of Robbins Avenue, directly east of Perrine Elementary School. There is an existing single family residence located on the property; only four household units will be counted toward the in lieu of formula. Using the Twin Falls County Assessor's value of land, the price per acre is calculated at \$56,335.89 per acre and using the in lieu of formula, the in lieu of payment is \$3,521.44.

Currently the closest neighborhood park is Harry Barry, located approximately ½ mile to the south. Since the dedication requirement from this subdivision is only .04 acres, staff supports the developer's request of an in lieu of contribution.

Tennille Adams made a motion to accept the in lieu of request as written. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 Community Garden Committee Update

Dennis informed the Commission that the Community Garden Committee met on April 27th and it was agreed upon that community gardens in the City is a great idea. They also agreed that a policy should be developed if the garden is on public property. Kevin Dane mentioned that the County Commissioners are in favor of allowing a community garden on the St. Luke's greenhouse property adjacent to Canyon View Hospital located on Shoup Avenue West.

Kevin would like to have a meeting sometime in the next week or two and at that time, he would like to elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, etc and also start developing a policy.

Larry Davidson went by the Canal Company and there are two access points for canal water on the property. It would just need to be determined if there is water rights to that property. He commented that the area has good soil and there is a lot of land at that location for a community garden. One disadvantage might be the community we are targeting having easy access to the garden. Some of the refugees that would want a plot would need transportation to get back and forth.

Dennis mentioned that he received an e-mail from Councilperson Rebecca Mills-Sojka that a developer, Gary Nelson, has a couple developments with empty lots and he is willing to allow a community garden in some of the lots. Dennis said we would need to see what the regulations are on this and it would only be a temporary solution.

Item #4 Presentation from the Magic Valley Canine Social Club

Steve Vawser with the Magic Valley Canine Social Club presented to the Commission the proposal of a dog park at Oregon Trail Youth Complex. The area would be directly west and south of the existing tennis courts. The club is proposing to raise the funds for fencing, which is the immediate need for the park. After the fencing, they will look at adding other amenities including: drinking fountain for humans and dogs, shelters, picnic tables, benches, signage and trees. They just want an area for dogs to run and play. Hours would be from sunrise to sunset.

Jed Hurt, a resident in the area of Oregon Trail Youth Complex, presented his opinion of having a dog park in this area. His main concern of having a dog park is the noise. After showing a brief video of a dog park located in Chandler AZ, it was apparent that noise was an issue and was right next to residential areas. The City of Chandler recognizes that the dog park should not have been placed so close to residential areas.

Melanie Hurt spoke for herself and 41 other residents in the area opposing the dog park in the Oregon Trail Youth Complex. She explained that many residents were not only concerned with the noise but also the increase of traffic. Melanie started a petition against the dog park and she received 41 signatures out of 49 residents that live in an apartment complex across the street from Oregon Trail Youth Complex. She showed a map of the area to the Commission and pointed out that two homes are directly next to the proposed dog park area. They are suggesting having a dog park near the animal shelter where it won't disrupt residential areas and are asking the Commission to vote against the dog park at Oregon Trail Youth Complex.

Dennis explained that he was approached by the Magic Valley Canine Social Club to create a dog park and they looked at various locations for this. They thought the Oregon Trail Youth Complex was a good location for what is needed to have a dog park. The Canine club will raise the funds for the project since the City does not have the funds. Letters were mailed out to all property owners within 300 feet of the proposed location explaining what was being proposed and that a meeting will be held. The meeting was held at the proposed location and there were approximately seven people that showed up, most in favor of the dog park.

Staff recommends that if approved by the Commission, the following conditions will apply:

- Staff approval on all amenities, designs and materials of structures
- Hours for the dog park – Sunrise to Sunset
- Work together on developing rules and regulations for park.

Three members of the Magic Valley Canine Social Club voiced their support of a having a dog park in Twin Falls.

The Commission discussed their thoughts and concerns of the proposed dog park. All members were in support of having a dog park in Twin Falls but were concerned of the proposed location. Kevin stressed to the Magic Valley Canine Social Club not to get discouraged.

Carl Legg made a motion to have the Magic Valley Canine Social Club and city staff work together to find a proposed site and design that will work to create an opportunity for citizens in our community who are pet owner's to be able to enjoy a dog park. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Trip suggested talking to Jackie Fields and Travis Rothweiler about what amenities need to be put in at the property near the animal shelter.

Item #7 Project Updates

Dennis informed the Commission that the Ascension restrooms are out to bid. He also asked the Commission to take a look at the new wetlands project along the Centennial trail if they are out that way.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be July 12th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.

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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

July 12, 2011 * * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

- Members Present:** Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan, Jeff Blick, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley and Bill Merritt
- Members Absent:** Carl Legg
- Council Present:** Trip Craig
- Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble
- Guests:** Don Acheson, Kyle Poppleton, and unnamed member of the Blue Lakes Rotary Club.

MINUTES

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

Item #1 Approve minutes of the June 14th, 2011 meeting

Ryan Horsley made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14th, 2011 meeting. Tennille Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation staff reports. Youth baseball will be finishing up on July 16th and Adult softball will conclude on July 14th. There are two major tournaments left this summer. An organizational meeting was held on Monday, July 11th for adult flag football. Fall soccer registration is going on now through July 29th.

Parks staff has been doing regular summer maintenance. The Drury Park restroom paper work is being completed and the restroom should be finished by the end of August. The swimming pool boilers are still being worked on.

Item #3 Recreation Center Sub-Committee Update

Trip updated the Commission on the last Recreation Center Committee meeting. The fourth meeting was held on Tuesday June 21st. One of the things that was discussed was partnering with the town of Kimberly as a recreation district because there may be a possibility of land being donated along Kimberly Road. It was discussed having a recreation center downtown but that area won't really work because there isn't a lot of land and parking is an issue. At the next meeting, it will be discussed what amenities the committee is wanting in a recreation center.

Item #4 South Estates Playground Update

Don Acheson updated the Commission on the playground equipment project at South Estates Park. They will be installing the 2-5 year old and 5-12 year old equipment, with the climbing rocks being installed at a later time. Originally, the club was going to install tiles as a fall surface around the playground equipment but because of cost decided to use the wood fall surface material the City uses. The equipment should be installed sometime in August.

Item #5 RFP's for the Management of the Swimming Pool

The deadline for private companies, firms or any other persons interested in undertaking the management and operations of the Twin Falls Municipal Swimming Pool was on Friday, July 8th. Dennis informed the Commission that the City received three RFP's. The companies that submitted a RFP were Gold's Gym, YMCA and USA Pools. The Pool Selection Committee consisting of Mayor Don Hall, Council members Trip Craig and Will Kezele, Parks and Recreation Commission members Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan and Carl Legg, along with City Staff and three citizens will meet on Thursday, July 14th to review the proposals. They will hopefully interview the applicants the week of July 18th and present a rank list of qualified candidates to City Council for review on July 25th.

Item #6 Budget Discussion

Mitch Humble informed the Commission the preliminary budget was presented to Council last night. In the proposed budget, funds have been set aside for Parks and Recreation projects in the amount of \$215,000. The projects that staff proposed to use the money for was replacing the trail at Thomsen Park and developing the trail system at Auger Falls. Staff and City Council would like the Commission's opinion of where they feel the funds should be spent.

Dennis went over the different options for improvements in the parks. He would like to replace the restrooms at the Oregon Trail Youth Complex. The estimated cost of the restroom is \$140,000. Currently the existing restroom is on a drain field and staff is proposing to put the restroom on the City's sewer system. There are two options for the location of the restroom. These would be to replace the restroom at the current location or move the restroom south toward the parking lot.

Trip mentioned that one question that came up at the council meeting was restroom facilities at parks. He explained to the Council that you need to look at the usage of a park for what is needed at each park. Some parks aren't heavily used so a restroom might not be the best use of the funds at those parks. Dennis commented that maybe those parks that don't have restroom facilities would be used more if there was a restroom.

The Commission would like to take some time to review what different improvements are needed at the parks. Dennis will e-mail the Commission the priority projects for them to review. The Commission will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Dennis mentioned it was brought up from staff to have the Commission review the recreation fees. Liyah and Bill volunteered to serve on a sub-committee to review the fees.

Item #7 Community Garden Update

Kevin updated the Commission on the community garden meeting that was held on June 29th. Larry Davidson volunteered to serve as chairman on the committee. Members are researching different ideas and updates will be given as the committee meets.

Item #8 Project Updates

Dennis informed the Commission the bid for the Ascension restroom was awarded to PMF. There is a parcel of land the City is buying on Oak and All Street for long term use. The Shoshone Falls flows are at 8300 cfs right now. It is unusual for the flows to be this high in July. Dennis mentioned that 2006 was the highest recorded revenue and this year may exceed that. He also mentioned that he has received many compliments on the sand project at Dierkes Lake.

Item #9 Other Items from the Commission

Ryan asked if we have considered forming a non-profit park foundation committee to work on generating additional revenue for improvements at parks. Dennis explained that the Twin Falls Community Foundation is available and works with us on things like that.

Ryan also mentioned that he spoke to Olin Gardner with the Idaho Guide Service about possibly touring Auger Falls together as a group.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be August 9th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.

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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 9, 2011 * * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Jeff Blick, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, and Ryan Horsley

Members Absent: Liyah Babayan, Carl Legg and Bill Merritt

Council Absent: Trip Craig

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer

Staff Absent: Mitch Humble

MINUTES

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:43 am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the July 12th, 2011 meeting

Ryan Horsley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12th, 2011 meeting. Tennille Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation staff reports. Our youth baseball programs concluded on July 16th. Men's league also finished on July 14th. There will be two end of the summer tournaments in Twin Falls; the Door Slammer which starts August 26th and the Chad Sieders Memorial One Pitch on September 25th. Fall soccer registration ended on July 29th. There will be some late sign ups and the season will begin after Labor Day.

Adult Flag football will begin on August 23rd with the season ending in late October. They will play at Harmon Park this year. Movie's in the Park has been going very well. The July movie was the biggest turnout so far. The next movie will be *Tangled* on Friday August 26th at 8:30pm in City Park. British soccer was a great success this year, as it is each year. There were 51 participants this year.

Parks staff is working on regular summer maintenance. The swimming pool boiler problems are still being worked on. They are also repairing a main link water break at Sunway.

Item #3 Recreation Center Sub-Committee Update

Nothing was discussed.

Item #4 Capital Improvement Proposed Projects Discussion

After the last meeting, staff reviewed the Commission's long range plan that was adopted by the Commission January 2010. Staff used those recommendations on neighborhood parks and regional/community parks to develop several options to accomplish those goals set by the Long Range Plan. A copy of the plan was included with the agenda for the Commission to review and make a final recommendation for the funds to be spent.

The Commission discussed where they would like to see the funds spent, with the majority wanting the funds to go toward a restroom/concession replacement at Oregon Trail Youth Complex. Dennis mentioned he feels now would be the best time to replace the restroom at OTYC since we don't know how much money will be available in future budgets for improvements.

Jeff asked if there were sponsorship opportunities for billboard advertising on fences. Dennis said that has been mentioned before but the signs would have to be maintained. He would prefer to have naming rights for ball fields. Jeff feels that it would be beneficial to look into this so there can be more money available for improvements in parks.

Jeff made a motion to recommend to City Council to consider a restroom/concession at Oregon Trail Youth Complex as the Commission's top priorities for the \$215,000 budgeted this year. Tennille seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Tennille made a motion to amend the main motion to include that any surplus funds from the \$215,000 budgeted will go towards a shelter for either Ascension Park or Drury Park. Ryan seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the amendment.

Main Motion with Amendment:

To recommend to City Council to consider improvements at Oregon Trail Youth Complex as the Commission's top priority for the \$215,000 budgeted this year and any surplus funds from the \$215,000 budgeted will go towards a shelter for either Ascension Park or Drury Park.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Dennis suggested having a meeting in December to review and update the long term plan.

Item #5 Project Updates

Dennis informed the Commission that the Drury restroom will be going up soon. They will be meeting with the contractor for the Ascension restroom sometime next week.

Staff is working on negotiations for the pool with the YMCA.

The closing on the purchase of land on Oak St will be on Friday, August 12th.

The flows at Shoshone Falls are still flowing at 3600 cfs. This is very unusual for August. The flows are usually at the minimum flow of 300 cfs through the summer. Staff will be doing some improvements on the restroom at Shoshone Falls sometime this fall.

Item #6 Other Items from the Commission

Kevin asked if there has been any more discussion with Steve Vawser on the dog park. Dennis mentioned he has met with him and he suggested using Frontier Park as a trial off leash area through the winter. Frontier has fenced in areas where dog owners can let their dogs off the leash to run around. This would only be for a trial period and they may have to have another neighborhood meeting before allowing this area to be used.

Kevin mentioned the County Commissioners are in support of a community garden and that he hasn't heard any negative feedback. They should be having another meeting soon after members of the committee are done with summer vacations.

Tennille mentioned the City got a PSA put together on bicycle safety but she's not sure when they will start running them. She received an e-mail with the PSA and said it looks really good.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be September 13th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.



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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

September 13, 2011 * * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley and Bill Merritt

Members Absent: Jeff Blick and Carl Legg

Council Present: Trip Craig

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble

Guests: Linda Fleming, Habitat for Humanity; Rod Mathis, Riedesel Engineering

MINUTES

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:43 am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the August 9th, 2011 meeting

Tony Brand made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9th, 2011 meeting. Tennille Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation staff reports. Registration for fall soccer has ended and the season started on September 10th. There are 641 participants enrolled this year, which is an increase from last year. Fall basketball registration is going on now with the season beginning October 15th. Men's Flag football has also started with 13 teams in the league. An adult volleyball meeting was held on Tuesday September 6th.

Movie's in the Park is continuing to be a great success. The last movie had over 250 people attending. The last movie of the year will be held on Friday, September 30th at 8:00pm at the City Park band shell. We will be showing *A League of Their Own*.

The 2011/2012 Fall and Winter guide is out.

Parks staff is working on regular summer maintenance. The swimming pool boiler problems are still being worked on. The pool bubble went up today. The construction on the Ascension restroom and Drury restroom has begun.

Item #3 Recreation Center Sub-Committee Update

Trip updated the Commission on the last Recreation Center sub-committee meeting. He has been trying to get in touch with Polly Hulsey, the City of Kimberly Administrator. She wasn't at the last meeting and had some information on a possible land donation on Kimberly Road. Trip would like to hear any ideas the Commission has on the size of the facility or amenities that should be offered.

Liyah and Bill both feel we need to focus on an indoor facility because we have plenty of outdoor space and ball fields already. Tennille would like to see both an indoor and outdoor facility with plenty of space.

The next Recreation Center meeting will be held on September 28th at 11:30am in the Council Chambers.

Item #5 Parks In Lieu of Request – 12:00 noon

Dennis went over the in lieu of request. The Platinum Trio Subdivision is a two lot subdivision on .309 acres. They are replatting the existing two lots. The subdivision is located at 379 Tyler Street on the west side of Tyler Street, just south of Harrison Park. There was an existing single family residence located on the property that was just recently torn down to make room for a new single family household unit and a duplex is planned for the other lot. Only two household units will be counted toward the in lieu of formula. Using the Twin Falls County Assessor's 2010 value of land, the price per acre is calculated at \$98,786.41 per acre and using the in lieu of formula, the in lieu of payment is \$2609.73.

The closest neighborhood park is Harrison, located directly north approximately 20 feet. Since the dedication requirement from this subdivision is only .02 acres, staff supports the developer's request of an in lieu of contribution.

Linda Fleming with Habitat for Humanity explained to the Commission that this is the first time they have had to re-plat any land for a home so she is not familiar with the process and wants to make sure they are being charged the right amount. They are a non-profit organization that is going to be building the duplex for those in need of homes. Rod Mathis with Riedesel Engineering asked the Commission to waive the in lieu of payment because Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization.

Dennis mentioned that this is probably the 40th in lieu of application that has been presented to the City and no one else has been a non-profit agency asking for a fee waiver so the Commission has not been presented with this issue before. Mitch also mentioned that this is not a typical developer sub-dividing land for a subdivision.

Ryan Horsley made a motion to grant the in lieu of request for Linda Fleming with the Habitat for Humanity for the property located at 379 Tyler Street with a recommendation to waive the in lieu of payment of \$2609.73. Tennille seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Ryan, Kevin, Tennille, Tony and Bill in favor of the motion. Liyah voted against the motion. The motion passed 5 to 1.

The recommendation will be forwarded to City Council and they will make the final decision.

Item #4 2011-2012 Budget Review

Dennis reviewed the capital improvements proposed in next year's budget for Parks, Recreation, Pool and Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake. Below is a listing of the approved projects/equipment for the budget next year.

Parks - \$277,000

- OTYC Restrooms - \$180,000
- Pierce St. Tennis Courts fence repairs - \$1000
- City Park sign - \$3000
- 2 used pickup trucks - \$25,000
- Utility Vehicle - \$10,000
- Tractor - \$30,000
- Leaf Sweeper - \$20,000
- Upgrade Baseline Clocks - \$8,000

Recreation - \$66,000

- OTYC Safety Netting - \$25,000
- Update scoreboard controls - \$15,000
- Frontier Field lights improvements - \$5000
- Replacement of soccer goals - \$3000
- Pickup truck - \$15,000
- Pitching machine - \$3000

Swimming Pool - \$63,000

- Bubble Replacement plan - \$35,000
- Deck coating - \$28,000

Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake - \$62,500

- Pave Quail Ridge trail - \$35,000
- Re-color stamped asphalt - \$10,000
- Rehab pump house at Dierkes Lake - \$5000
- Pickup truck - \$12,500

The biggest improvement is the restrooms at OTYC. They should be completed by April 2013.

Item #6 Review of Swimming Pool Concession Agreement with the YMCA

Dennis reviewed the Concession Agreement between the City and the YMCA on the management and operation of the swimming pool. This new agreement reduces the City's subsidy of the swimming pool by \$50,000. The City will pay the YMCA \$10,000 a month to manage and operate the swimming pool, but the YMCA will now be responsible for the utilities and regular maintenance costs. The City will still provide its maintenance on the facility and will manage the installation and removal of the bubble each year. If the YMCA is proposing to increase the daily rates or the season pass rates, this Commission will make recommendations to City Council. The YMCA will provide quarterly reports of pool operations and annual YMCA financial statements. The agreement is for seven years.

Item #7 Project Updates

Dennis updated the Commission on the current projects taking place. The restrooms at Ascension and Drury Park are being built. Bids are going out for the Courtney Conservation Park on Falls Ave and Fillmore. The park should be dedicated late spring or early summer of next year.

There are 4700cfs going over the Shoshone Falls right now. This year has exceeded year's past in funds collected. Over \$280,000 has been collected this year. The restrooms will be re-painted along with replacing some toilet structures at Shoshone Falls.

Item #8 Other Items from the Commission

Dennis informed the Commission that a hazard tree was reported to him located at 435 5th Ave E. The City's certified Arborist, along with Trees and Stumps of Magic Valley went to inspect the tree and has confirmed that it is a hazard tree. A letter was sent out to the homeowner stating that the City is requesting they remove the tree. The Commission is welcome to drive by the location to take a look at the tree.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be October 11th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.



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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

October 11, 2011* * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan, Jeff Blick, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Carl Legg and Bill Merritt

Members Absent: Ryan Horsley

Council Present: Trip Craig

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer

Staff Absent: Mitch Humble

Guests: Ron Yates, representing the Twin Falls County Historical Society and Museum

MINUTES

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:38 am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting

Tony Brand made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13th, 2011 meeting. Bill Merritt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation staff reports. The fall basketball season will be starting on October 15th with 233 players signed up. This year we decided to drop the boys' 7th & 8th grade program due to low registration numbers over the last few years. The adult volleyball season will begin on Monday, October 17th. We will be using the 1st Presbyterian Church again this year and the CSI recreation center. There will be an adult basketball organizational meeting on October 25th. Adult Flag Football is going well with minimal issues.

Our Movie's in the Park was very successful this year. We finished out the season with *A League of Their Own* on Friday, September 30th. We will be starting off the fourth year with *Megamind* June 2012. The 2011/2012

Fall/Winter Recreation Guide is currently out. There are copies available at the Library, City Hall, Parks and Recreation office, YMCA and the Y/City Pool. A copy is also available to download on the City's website. Ski and snowboard packages are available for registration with Pomerelle and Magic Mountain.

Parks staff is still working on regular maintenance with the irrigation systems and mowing. The construction of the Drury Park restroom is finally complete. The swimming pool boiler and heat exchanger issues are still being worked on. ICRMP will be covering the cost on these issues. Trees at Oregon Trail Youth Complex have been removed that were diseased. Replacement trees will be planted this year.

Item #3 Recreation Center Committee Update

The Recreation Center Committee met on Wednesday, September 28th. Dennis felt the committee made quite a bit of progress at the last meeting. They discussed locations and the amenities needed in an indoor facility. The two possible locations that were discussed were the Latham Motors property on 2nd Avenue and property owned by the City and Urban Renewal on Maxwell Avenue near the Parks and Recreation office. The committee thought the best location would be on Maxwell Avenue along Rock Creek Canyon. This could bring economic development to that area.

They also discussed the amenities needed in the facility. The proposed layout included volleyball and basketball courts, batting cages, climbing wall, walking track, storage space, offices and restrooms with showers, along with a meeting room. Committee members had also suggested adding a second story to the building above the offices/restrooms/storage area of the facility for additional storage and offices.

One of the suggestions at the meeting was to remove the showers since it is more of a cost to maintain and they don't get used. Dennis mentioned that he has received a few e-mails from members of the committee that wasn't at the last meeting stating that showers is a necessity in this type of facility. More discussion on this topic will need to take place.

The next meeting of the Recreation Center Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 18th at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers.

Item #4 Presentation from the Twin Falls County Historical Society & Museum

Ron Yates, representing the Twin Falls County Historical Society and Museum, made a presentation to the Commission. The Historical Society and Museum hosted a free event called Pioneer Days on August 20th at the Historical Museum and Pioneer House. Parks and Recreation advertised the event in the 2011 Spring/Summer recreation guide and through a mass e-mail to members in their database. This event drew over 150 people, with approximately 60 people pre-registering from the advertisement.

Ron showed the Commission a picture from 1905 of City Park and gave a history of the year the park was developed. As a thank you to the Parks and Recreation Department, Ron presented a poster size duplication of the photo to Dennis.

Item #5 Evel Knievel Jump Site Task Force

On Monday, October 3rd, the City Council approved the land trade with the developers of the Shoshone Heights Subdivision. This land trade consists of the City receiving the Evel Knievel jump site, land south of the jump site for a parking lot and an access road from the end of Hankins Road. The developer will receive property closer to the canyon rim.

This trade will allow the trail system to extend further west approximately 600' from the end of the existing Centennial Trail. Also, this allows the City to develop this property into some type of park and attraction. Staff is requesting for 2-3 members to volunteer to form a task force along with staff to develop some concept plans and potential funding options to develop the site.

Tony Brand and Liyah Babayan volunteered to serve on this task force.

Item #6 Parks In Lieu of Task Force

When the Platinum Trio Subdivision in lieu of application was approved by the City Council on Monday, September 26th, the City Council questioned why the in lieu of price per unit was so high on this development. Staff had explained when they used the County Assessor's office assessed value of the land and when you do the math, the price per acre is higher than undeveloped property per acre value.

For example, the price per household unit for this Platinum Trio (2 units) was \$1304.86 and on the Golden Eagle III (84 units) price per household unit was only \$442. Golden Eagle III is a new development in the south section of town on former farm land and the Platinum Trio was an in-fill development. Council asked staff to work with the Commission to review the in lieu application and especially with the in-fill subdivisions. Staff is requesting for 2-3 members to volunteer to form a task force to review the in lieu of process.

Ryan Horsley and Tennille Adams will serve on this task force.

Item #7 Project Updates

Dennis showed the Commission photos of the new restroom at Drury Park. The restroom is finished and open. The total cost for this project was \$38,000 with landscaping. Dennis feels that these unisex restrooms would be a good idea to add to some of the smaller parks with no restrooms.

Dennis also showed photos of the Ascension restroom. Construction on the restroom is coming along well and it should be finished by next month.

The BLM has donated an additional 161 acres at Auger Falls. There is 680 acres of land there the City now owns.

City Council awarded the bid for Courtney Conservation Park to All Seasons Landscaping from Bellevue.

Shoshone Falls are still flowing high. There is no charge for admission now and it looks like we have broke \$300,000 for revenue. There will be some improvements at the restrooms at Shoshone Falls and the Quail Ridge Trail will be paved this year. The stamped pavement near the kiosks and overlook will also be re-colored.

Item #8 Other Items from the Commission

Nothing was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be November 8th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.

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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

November 8, 2011 * * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley and Bill Merritt

Members Absent: Liyah Babayan, Jeff Blick and Carl Legg

Council Absent: Trip Craig

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer, Stacy McClintock and Mitch Humble

Guests: John Pauley, Aquatics Director YMCA

MINUTES

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:40 am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting

Tennille Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11th, 2011 meeting. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Stacy went over the Recreation reports. Winter basketball registration is going on now through November 25th with the season beginning in January. Adult Volleyball is going well with no complaints or problems. Adult Basketball will begin on January 10th with rosters and fees due December 9th. The adult flag football season is almost over. League games ended on November 1st and the double elimination tournament will end on November 17th.

Jesse Clark Karate is going very well. The cost per month for this program is \$15. Pomerelle and Magic Mountain ski packages are available again next year. Sign-ups will continue through December 31st. Impulse Dance is still accepting registration for dance classes. Cabin Fever Day will be on Saturday January 7, 2012. Posters and brochures advertising the event will be out soon.

Dennis went over the Parks report. Parks staff is working on winterizing the irrigation systems, leaf removal and closing up the restrooms. They have also finished up fall aerification and fertilization. The construction of the restroom at Ascension is still going on and the swimming pool boiler issues are also being worked on.

Item #3 Recreation Center Committee Update

Dennis updated the Commission on the last Recreation Center Committee meeting. The meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18th. Melinda Anderson attended the meeting to go over the land Urban Renewal owns on Maxwell Avenue. She feels that Urban Renewal would be happy to partner with the City for a recreation center.

The Committee is still working on the details of whether to have a fitness center or not but most everyone agrees that some sort of exercise equipment should be available. We don't want to compete with Gold's Gym or the YMCA but having some equipment has been suggested. City Council will need to have the maintenance and operation costs of operating a recreation center when this is presented to Council so staff is working on gathering that information.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at 11:30am in the City Council Chambers.

Tennille added that it would be nice to have some exercise equipment, not a full size workout gym, for people to use that may be on limited incomes.

Item #4 YMCA Quarterly Report on the Swimming Pool

John Pauley, Aquatics Director with the YMCA, presented the YMCA quarterly report for July-September 2011. Some of the differences in income and expenses are related to the transition of the new contract in September. The total income for June-September 2011 was \$84,888.48. The total expenses for the same time period were \$98,021.23. This left a net income of -\$13,132.75.

Item #5 Task Forces/Committee Updates

Dennis updated the Commission on the Community Garden Committee. The committee has met a few times and has a proposed site next to Canyon View Hospital that is owned by the County. The County is in favor of a community garden at this site if the City leases the land from them. Dennis needs to find out from Council and Travis if they want a community garden on City property or if they are in favor of leasing the land from the County. The Committee will meet again on Tuesday, November 15th at 3pm.

Dennis also updated the Commission on the In Lieu of Fees Committee and the Evel Knievel Jump Site Development. Ryan, Tennille and Dennis met for the In Lieu of Fees and are still doing some research. They should be meeting again soon. Tony, Liyah and Dennis met and went to the Evel Knievel Jump Site since Tony and Liyah had never been there. After seeing the site, they have a better idea of what they are working with to come up with development ideas for the site. They will meet again and hopefully have a plan to present to the Commission in the next couple of months..

Stacy updated the Commission on the sub-committee that are reviewing recreation fees. Recreation fees have not been raised since 2008. The committee is looking at how many children are paying for in city limit fees compared to outside of city limit fees. Stacy has done some research on what other communities charge for their programs and has sent the information on to Liyah and Bill. They will be meeting on Thursday,

November 17th to go over the information. Bill mentioned that they plan to wait to present the new fees when the new Council members are on board.

Dennis mentioned that he is working with Greg Lanting for a potential dog park. There is a proposed site owned by the County that they would like to lease to the City for a dog park. The property is next to the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center off Eastland with 2 ½ acres of undeveloped property. This location would be a good site for a dog park because it is not near residential areas. There is a potential donation of funds but a decision needs to be made of whether to lease the land from the County or have the dog park on City property.

Item #6 Other Items from the Commission

Nothing was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be December 13th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.



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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
December 13, 2011* * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

- Members Present:** Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley and Bill Merritt
- Members Absent:** Jeff Blick, Tony Brand and Carl Legg
- Council Present:** Trip Craig and Rebecca Mills Sojka
- Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer, Stacy McClintock and Mitch Humble
- Guests:** John Pauley, Aquatics Director YMCA; Gary Ettenger, CEO YMCA; and Karen Brockway

MINUTES

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:39 am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the November 8th, 2011 meeting

Tennille Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8th, 2011 meeting. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation staff reports. Winter basketball registration ended on Friday, November 25th. We are still taking late sign-ups with the season beginning on January 14th. The numbers are down a little from past years but with late registrations, we should catch up to last year's numbers if not surpass them. The adult basketball season will start January 10th. Rosters and fees were due on December 9th. Adult Flag Football ended on November 17th with little issues this year. The adult volleyball season has also been going very well.

Pomerelle and Magic Mountain ski packages are available again this year. Christmas in City Park is celebrating their 26th year. This takes place four Sunday's prior to Christmas at the City Park band shell at 5pm. The last

service will be held this Sunday, December 18th. Cabin Fever Day will be held on Saturday, January 7th. Brochures have been ordered and will be distributed to participating businesses.

Parks staff has finished leaf removal and have been starting winter maintenance on the equipment. The pool boilers have been repaired and the construction of the Ascension restroom is still underway. Trees at OTYC have been replaced with 29 new trees and 4 trees have been relocated. The restrooms at Shoshone Falls have been re-painted and the pump house at Dierkes Lake has been rebuilt.

Item #3 Recreation Center Committee Update

Ryan updated the Commission on the Recreation Center Committee meeting that was held on November 15th. He feels that there is a little frustration within the committee as to where to go next. One of the concerns is that the proposed recreation center is too small. Dennis also mentioned that the committee is questioning whether to include a fitness center. Stacy is working on getting the maintenance and operation costs of the Nampa Recreation center and the Kroc Center in Coeur d’Alene. The committee is expecting the Council to ask where the revenue will come from and how much it will cost to operate the center. Dennis also informed the Commission that the committee will most likely present two different design proposals to City Council; one large design that will fit all the needs of the community and one design that will fit the basic needs of the community.

It will take a few more meetings to be able to come up with a recommendation to present to Council. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th at 11:30am in the City Council Chambers.

Item #4 Hours of Operation for the YMCA/City Swimming Pool

Dennis went over the hours of operation that the YMCA operates during the fall/winter/spring. Below is the hours of operation for the fall/winter/spring schedule of 2010/2011 and the 2011/2012 season:

	2010/2011	2011/2012
Monday-Friday	5:30-12noon Lap Swim 2-4pm Open Swim 4-6pm Fitness/Swim Team/Lessons 6-8pm Open Swim	5:30-12noon Lap Swim 4-6pm Fitness/Swim Team/Lessons 6-8pm Open Swim
Saturday	6-9am Lap Swim 11-12noon Lap Swim 12-5pm Open Swim	7-12noon Lap Swim 12-5pm Open Swim
Sunday	12-5pm Open Swim	12-5pm Open Swim

The YMCA did make some changes this year to the hours of operation to do away with the open swim time from 2-4 pm Monday-Friday. This change has affected Karen Brockway and her family, who used the pool during those open swim hours of 2-4pm last year. Included in the staff reports were letters written from Ms. Brockway voicing her concerns over the YMCA changing the hours for open swim in the fall and winter.

Dennis stated that in the contract with the YMCA, the YMCA is supposed to accommodate open hours but the contract does not state how long those open hours should be for or what times.

Karen Brockway presented to the Commission that her and her family were members of the City pool. They utilized the open swim hours of 2-4pm during the fall and winter season last year. This year, they showed up to use the pool between 2-4pm and the pool was closed. She was told by the YMCA that the open swim hours of 2-4pm were no longer available because of low numbers and they would need to use the pool at the Elizabeth Street YMCA, but their membership didn't include the use of the pool at the Elizabeth Street YMCA. The YMCA did allow the Brockway's to use the pool that one time but the pool was not satisfactory to the Brockway's needs. They also encouraged the Brockway's to purchase a general membership so they could have use of both the City pool and the Elizabeth Street pool. Ms. Brockway feels that the YMCA should not be competing with the City pool members to take their business to the Y pool on Elizabeth Street.

Ms. Brockway feels the City pool should be open during business hours. She pointed out that every business has slow times during the day but they don't close down during those hours. The Brockway's did not renew their membership in October due to the open swim time during the day not being available. The YMCA is doing a trial period where open swim on Tuesday's and Friday's from 2-4pm would be available for two months to see how many people attend. Ms. Brockway mentioned that she is not always able to swim on those days and feels that it isn't her job to promote the advertising for this trial period, which the YMCA encouraged her to do to get the numbers up during this trial period.

Gary Ettenger, CEO of the YMCA, presented to the Commission that customer service is very important to the YMCA. He gave a brief description of how many programs they offer and mentioned that some of these programs have to be changed or removed due to participation. If a program isn't getting utilized, it doesn't make financial sense to continue with the program. Gary explained that during the open swim times of 2-4pm last year, there was an average of 5 patrons using the pool during that time and it didn't make sense to pay for staff to be there when there were so few individuals utilizing the pool.

Gary explained that the YMCA offered a full refund to Ms. Brockway on the unused remaining month of her membership as well as an upgrade to a full general membership to all three of the YMCA locations, which Ms. Brockway did not accept. The YMCA has also opened up a trial period from November through January for open swim from 2-4pm on Tuesday's and Friday's. They are monitoring participation during this time to see if it is financially feasible to continue staying open during that timeframe. If the numbers don't increase during the trial period, Gary doesn't see that it would benefit the Y financially to stay open during that time.

Discussion followed with the Commission. Overall, the Commission members felt that Ms. Brockway had made some good points and that the pool should remain open during normal business hours.

Ryan Horsley made a motion to recommend to City Council to review the hours of the City pool. Bill Merritt seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Ryan Horsley, Tennille Adams, Bill Merritt and Liyah Babayan voted in favor of the motion. Kevin Dane voted against the motion. The motion passed 4-1.

Item #5 Parks In Lieu of Sub Committee Report

Dennis informed the Commission that the sub-committee for the Parks in Lieu met to discuss in-fill developments as part of the Parks In Lieu of process. One of the questions that they could not answer was: How do you define in-fill developments? Size, number of additional household units, location of development, in certain zones were all different ways you could define in-fill developments.

Dennis had discussed the in lieu of process with an engineer and also with Rene'e Carraway with the Planning & Zoning Department. The engineer thought that we should look at the zoning in Twin Falls and if someone wants to increase the density of that zone, it is not an in-fill project. He couldn't really define an in-fill project

because there are too many variables. He felt that in-fills should not pay any in lieu of fees, since they usually split off an existing lot and he said that original lot has been paying taxes all the time. He did agree that it should be only developments under one acre in size.

After working with Rene'e, Dennis and the sub-committee developed something that would reduce the parks in lieu of fee for small developments in the City limits. Below is the proposed definition of an in-fill project that qualifies for a reduction in their fees:

An in-fill project is:

1. Any development that is inside the City limits;
2. Four or fewer additional household units; and
3. Development is one acre or less in size.

Any development that meets these three requirements can qualify for a reduction of in lieu of fees of 50%.

Reviewing the existing approved in lieu of applications, five subdivisions would have met those 3 requirements and would have qualified for reduction in fees. These include: Sugarsweet (#26), Baker (#31), Dry Creek (#33), K & L (#35) and Platinum Trio (#36). Some developments met 2 of the 3 requirements but missed out because they were outside the City limits or larger than one acre.

If the Commission approves of modifying City Code 10-12-3-11, this recommendation would be forwarded to Planning and Zoning for their consideration and then it would be forwarded to the City Council for their consideration.

Tennille Adams made a motion to recommend to change City Code 10-12-3-11 to define the in-fill projects with any development that meets the 3 requirements of 1) any development inside City limits; 2) four or fewer additional household units; and 3) development is one acre or less in size can qualify for a reduction of in lieu of fees of 50%. Ryan seconded the motion.

Mitch Humble suggested adding a fourth requirement if there is a park within a square mile. If there is not a park within a mile, the City may need a park in that area so we may need the full in lieu of fee. If there is a park within that area, we may not need the full fee and could possibly waive the fee. He feels this is something the Commission should think about adding in as part of the criteria.

Tennille withdrew the original motion. Ryan seconded.

The sub-committee will meet again to review Mitch's suggestion that another requirement might be needed. The meeting has not been set at this time.

Item #6 Recreation Fees Sub Committee Report

Stacy informed the Commission that the sub-committee of Bill Merritt, Liyah Babayan and herself reviewed the current youth fees for the sports programs and is proposing to increase the fees. In comparing the costs of other communities, our program fees are very low. The sub-committee is also recommending that these new fees be implemented for the 2012 summer baseball/softball program. If the Commission recommends these increases, the City Council will have to have a public hearing on the proposed increases since they are both over 5%.

Below are the current fees and the proposed fee increases:

	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
In Town	\$15	\$20	\$5	33.3%
Out of Town	\$25	\$35	\$10	40.0%

For the last three years, the average numbers of participants in those youth sports programs are:

In Town	2,542	$2,542 \times \$ 5 = \$12,710$
Out of Town	268	$268 \times \$10 = \underline{\$ 2,680}$
		Total $\underline{\$15,590}$

If the City averages the same numbers, the proposed increase in fees will generate approximately \$15,590 (minus sales tax, approximately \$880)

Ryan Horsley made a motion to recommend to City Council to approve the proposed fee increases from the sub-committee. Tennille seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stacy McClintock will be presenting the proposed fee increases to the City Council during a public hearing process.

Item #7 Community Garden Task Force Report

The Community Garden task force has been meeting since April and has a proposed policy for community gardens on City owned property. This policy was included in the agenda packet. Dennis went over the policy.

Highlights of the policy are:

- Garden must be operated by a non-profit agency, church, neighborhood association, or some similar organization (qualifying entity)
- Produce cannot be resold for profit.
- Garden should promote environment education and encourage the involvement of youth groups.
- Garden must be developed and maintained by qualifying entity.
- Only a drip irrigation system can be used.
- City will charge a yearly rate determined by the square footage of the garden (pays for water cost).
- Lease agreement with qualifying entity is for five years.
- The qualifying entity will develop a user agreement which will specify the terms of use, management responsibilities and allotment fees to individual gardeners.
- Allotment fees must be approved by the Parks & Recreation and are intended to cover garden costs.

Members of the sub-committee met with the County Commissioners and they are in favor of working with the City to have a community garden on County property next to Canyon View Hospital. Dennis explained that staff will need to work with the canal company on using water from a coulee directly north of the property. He doesn't feel that should be an issue.

Rebecca Mills Sojka mentioned that this project has been going very well because there are many partners involved and she feels that a community garden should be in place before the planting season starts.

Tennille made a motion to accept the proposed policy for a community garden on city property that was developed by the task force. Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

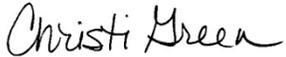
Tennille made a motion to amend the main motion to include that PI water will be used as the first choice for irrigation in the policy. Ryan seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion.

Item #8 Other Items from the Commission

The Commission thanked Trip Craig for his service as liaison on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be January 10th, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.



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