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**TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

February 14, 2012\* \* \* \* \* 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 Present:** Shawn Barigar
- Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer, Mitch Humble and Stacy McClintock
- Guests:** John Pauley, Aquatics Director YMCA

**MINUTES**

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

**Item #1 Welcome New Council Liaison**

The Commission welcomed Shawn Barigar as the new Council liaison for the Commission.

**Item #2 Approve minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting**

Tennille Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #3 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**

Dennis went over the Parks staff report. Staff is working on winter maintenance of the equipment. The Ascension restroom should be open sometime this spring. All the signs at Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake have been replaced with new ones. Tree pruning has begun and will continue through early spring.

Stacy went over the Recreation staff reports. Winter basketball will be concluding by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Youth wrestling and spring soccer sign-ups are going on now. Cabin Fever Day went really well this year. The events

at Magic Mountain were canceled due to lack of snow. The Pomerelle ski packages were also a success. This year there were more participants than last year. The fee increase for youth sports was approved by City Council. Starting April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the fees will be \$20 for city residents and \$35 for non city residents.

#### **Item #4 Recreation Center Committee Update**

Dennis informed the Commission the Recreation Center Committee did not meet in January but made a presentation to City Council on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chris Scholes and Chris Clark from the committee presented to the Council an update from the committee and asked for direction from the Council on the size of the facility, etc. This is the direction City Council gave the committee:

1. Size of facility – the small building, 50,000-55,000 square feet in size with an expandable building and site.
2. A report back to the Council within 120 days, with a 5 year M/O estimates and projected revenue.
3. The facility should have minimum conflict of amenities with private providers
4. Recommendation of multiple funding options as part of the report

They would also like to see no additional tax burden placed on the taxpayers of the City. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers.

#### **Item #5 Youth Baseball/Softball Sponsorship**

Stacy explained her request for guidance with the youth baseball/softball sponsorships this year. Throughout the years, coaches have commented on how hard it is to find sponsors for their teams that participate in our youth baseball/softball program. Players have experienced the feeling of the “haves” and the “have not’s” by having full decked out uniforms for some teams and other teams having only t-shirts for their uniforms.

To solve this concern, last year the Parks and Recreation Department raised close to \$10,000 to purchase t-shirts and hats for every player and coach that participated in our baseball/softball program. There were numerous sponsors that donated funds to purchase shirts and hats for all the teams in the program. This year, staff was approached by someone who wants to donate the whole \$10,000. Stacy explained that she has some reservations about this and needs some guidance as to what to do.

Discussion followed. Some suggestions included having sponsors contribute toward other activities if one sponsor is willing to contribute this large amount each year for baseball and also the possibility of naming fields for a certain amount of money. Bill mentioned that Pepsi sponsors Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth each year and they have a contract. They also allow other businesses to sponsor as well. He suggested splitting up the \$10,000 over a few years and have this certain individual as a major sponsor each year if they are willing to make a commitment for a few years to sponsor a certain amount. This way you can still have other sponsors contributing.

Kevin asked about the fee waiver process. Stacy stated that the Parks and Recreation Department has a fee waiver policy in place. Parents are asked to fill out a form with their monthly income. No proof of income is required and no child will be turned away due to inability to pay.

## **Item #6      YMCA/City Pool Report**

John Pauley, Aquatics Director with the YMCA, went over the YMCA/City Pool quarterly report. Overall, the net income is -\$13,302.41. There were a total of 58,243 visits to the pool in 2011. As of today, the Y has 7312 Y members and 595 Y/City Pool members.

Kevin asked John how the extended pool hours were working out for their trial period. John does not have the exact numbers of attendance but will be getting that information in the next week or two.

Shawn asked John some questions about the financial report regarding how they allocate salaries, revenue and attendance. John answered that there is no way to track those numbers through their current computer system. A brief discussion followed.

## **Item #7      Naming Policy Draft**

Dennis explained that staff has been working on a naming policy that was included in the agenda packet. This policy relates to naming or renaming of all City facilities, not just Parks & Recreation facilities.

Liyah asked if the historical or cultural significance would only include Twin Falls or Idaho or if it would include more diversity. Dennis feels that it should relate to the Twin Falls area but that is something that can be discussed with the Commission. Tennille suggested adding "Local historical or cultural significance" if that is the intent to define it more.

Kevin would like more time for the Commission to review the policy. He asked the Commission to send any suggestions or changes to Dennis before the next meeting and this item will be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

## **Item #8      Arbor Day**

Arbor Day will be held on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Staff is recommending that Arbor Day be celebrated at Ascension Park this year. Trees will be planted around the new restroom that will be completed this spring. Typically we plant 3-4 trees as part of the ceremony. The Boys and Girls Club usually have about 10-15 kids come and help plant trees, as well as employees from Cactus Pete's. Cactus Pete's has donated funds the last three years for the event.

Kevin asked if a plaque was presented to Cactus Pete's at last year's celebration. Dennis stated that they did not present a plaque last year. He suggested presenting a plaque to the Boys and Girls Club and Cactus Pete's at the Council meeting when the Mayor reads the Arbor Day Proclamation.

## **Item #9      Update on Projects**

Dennis updated the Commission on the temporary dog park. He has heard positive things about the park and it is getting a lot of use. He hasn't had any calls from neighbors complaining about the dog park.

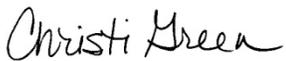
The City Council approved the Facilities Use Agreement with the Twin Falls School District.

The bid for the Oregon Trail Youth Complex restroom was awarded. The awarded bid was for \$130,500. Dennis has \$180,000 budgeted for the restroom project. He is hoping the restroom will be finished in May. Stacy is working with the Engineering Department to design some safety netting.

Dennis has received some requests of parties interested in canoe/kayak rentals at Dierkes Lake. He has created a Request For Proposal that should go out in the next week for businesses interested in these boat rentals. Dennis is looking at Memorial Day-Labor Day for the rental period. He asked if anyone from the Commission would like to help review the proposals. Liyah and Tennille volunteered.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**



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