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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

November 10, 2009* * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: **Tennille Adams, Jeff Blick, John Bonnett, Kevin Dane, RoLynne Hendricks, Ryan Horsley, Brent Jussel, Bill Merritt and Paula Brown Sinclair**

Members Absent: **None**

Council Present: **Trip Craig**

Staff Present: **Dennis Bowyer**

Staff Absent: **Mitch Humble**

Guests: **Beth Olmstead, Principal of Lincoln Elementary; Heidi Tubbs, president of Lincoln Elementary PTA.**

MINUTES

Chairperson John Bonnett called the meeting to order at 11:38am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the October 13th, 2009 meeting

A motion was made by Paula Brown Sinclair to approve the minutes of the October 13th, 2009 meeting. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation reports. Winter Youth Basketball registration is going on now through November 25th. Adult Volleyball has started with a total of 36 teams. An organizational meeting was held for Adult Basketball on October 22nd. Rosters and fees are due by November 25th. Adult Flag Football is wrapping up with minimal issues.

The last "Movie in the Park" was cancelled due to weather. Dennis informed the Commission there will be 5 movies shown next year starting in May ending in September. Pre-school Basketball started last week. This program is new this year.

Park staff is finishing outside work. They have repaired and replaced worn sod on the ball diamonds, planted 11 trees in various parks and are winterizing the irrigation systems and restrooms. The restroom at the Harmon Park Recreation building is now finished.

John mentioned how nice the newsletter about Drury Park was that was included in the water bills. Paula mentioned during the tours of facilities last month, kids were playing soccer at the north side of the Oregon Trail Youth Complex and asked why there wasn't some soccer goals set up at the park. The park is plenty big enough. Dennis agreed and mentioned that we could get some goals set up out there. The Commission agreed that a field should be set up at the park.

Item #3 Update on Bicycle Sub-Committee

Brent informed the Commission that the sub-committee has met and will hopefully have more information for the Commission at a later date. He mentioned that they have talked about expanding the sub-committee to include community members, police department staff and staff from the school district. They have received some information of what other communities are doing.

Item #5 Drury Park Update

Dennis updated the Commission on Drury Park. Four tables have been installed. He mentioned that he feels a night light should be installed in the park. He will go over when it is dark and see how much a light would benefit the park. John stated that he has been over to Drury Park when it's dark and it's very dark at the park so he would suggest adding the light. Dennis has contacted Lane Taylor with Taylor Made Fence to install the fencing along Washington Street. Lane has been busy with another job but Dennis will try and get a hold of him to see what the time frame is of when the fence can be installed. There is approximately $1300-$1400 left over so they are looking at adding some benches and nice trash receptacles at the park. Paula mentioned that one of the trees that were transplanted was leaning over from the wind.

Dennis introduced the Commission to Beth Olmstead, Principal of Lincoln Elementary and Heidi Tubbs, President of Lincoln Elementary PTA. Dennis explained to Beth and Heidi what the long term plan is for the park. Dennis reported they would like to add restrooms, fencing, benches around the playground equipment, trash receptacles, a shelter and trees and shrubs in the future. Beth thanked the Commission for all the work put into improving the park. She is very appreciative and reported that she has had a lot of positive feedback from parents, students and staff. The school and PTA are very supportive in helping with fundraisers and donations for the park. Paula mentioned that it has been discussed that if parents and students of Lincoln Elementary work to get donations for landscaping, the Seagraves Foundation might match the donations.

Beth and Heidi discussed some ideas of fundraisers for the park. The main goal for the school is to build an ownership of the park for the neighbors in that area, which are in the Lincoln School District. Heidi suggested having a "Walk to School" Fundraiser for the students that begin their walk at the park. The funds would then go back into the park.

Dennis suggested celebrating Arbor Day at Drury Park. He will need to talk to the Tree Commission about it but each year, a different park is chosen to plant 4 trees. This can be a big community event that not only celebrates Arbor Day but celebrates the improvements at the park. Heidi suggested having a ribbon cutting

unveiling of the park at that time. Bill suggested placing a plaque underneath each tree that is planted with the botanical names so it's a learning experience for the kids. Dennis stated that they will be placing a plaque at the park thanking the Seagraves Foundation and they can do that at the celebration as well.

Item #4 Review of Long Range Plans

It was suggested by Brent to have a work session at the Parks and Recreation conference room to work specifically on what the Commission's plan is for the long range plan. A special meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, December 17th at 5:30pm at the Parks and Recreation conference room.

Dennis went over the long range plan where he left off at the last meeting in detail.

Item #6 Other Items from the Commission

Dennis informed the Commission that Council approved of the donation request of Julie and Scott Becker. He has ordered the bench and plaque. Council also approved of the recommendation of the name request for "Kenneth Poe Park". The park name will be "Kenny Poe Park" to honor the name of the farmer that farmed the land where the subdivision will be.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be December 8th, 2009 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.

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