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TOM COURTNEY	**CITY MANAGER**
TRIP CRAIG	**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**
DENNIS BOWYER	**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR**
MITCH HUMBLE	**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 11, 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**

MINUTES

Chairperson John Bonnett called the meeting to order at 11:40am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the July 14th, 2009 meeting

A motion was made by Paula Brown Sinclair to approve the minutes of the July 14th, 2009 meeting. Bill Merritt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Recreation Report

Dennis went over the recreation report. Youth baseball and softball has ended along with Men's Softball. Dennis commented it was a good season with only one complaint. The main complaint was with Men's Softball and players using illegal bats. The Door Slammer tournament is August 21-23. Falls Brand is not sponsoring the tournament this year and Roger Moore is no longer running the tournament.

Fall soccer registration has ended and staff is busy forming teams. We are still accepting some late sign-ups. The numbers are down this year. This could be from moving some of the games to Saturdays and that conflicting with football but staff feels it's a good move having the games on Saturdays.

Adult Flag Football will be starting up with 8 teams participating. Sand Volleyball did not have enough teams sign up so the league was cancelled.

The 2nd "Movies in the Park" was held on July 31st with approximately 250 people attending. Brent asked how they could increase public awareness about the movies. He mentioned that most people he has talked to know nothing about it. Dennis mentioned that Julie Pence contacts the media with these events. It might be a good idea to follow up with phone calls to the radio stations and newspaper to get the word out. Dennis also mentioned that staff has sent mass e-mails out and that we should continue to do that.

British soccer was held the week of July 27th with 69 participants. Stacy is working on the Fall/Winter guide and it should hopefully be sent out in September.

Item #3 Parks Report

Construction of the restroom in the recreation building at Harmon Park will begin soon. That should be finished by the end of the month or first part of September. Parks staff is busy mowing and irrigating over 200 acres of grass. The new shelter for Northern Ridge Park is finished, table will be ordered in the new budget year.

Item #4 Donation Request

Dennis informed the Commission that Council approved of the modifications the Commission recommended for the Parks and Recreation Donation Policy. Council requested that the Commission review the requests that come in and that staff forward the recommendations and requests to Council as part of their consent calendar.

The Armenian American Community has requested to donate a tree at City Park with additional text on the plaque. Their requested text is "In memory of the Armenian Genocide" or "In remembrance of the 1915 Armenian Genocide". A copy of the request was e-mailed to the Commission to look over before the meeting.

The Commission discussed the request and the wording of the policy. Brent made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Kevin seconded the motion. A voice vote showed no one voted in favor of the motion. The motion failed 0-9.

Item #5 Drury Park Update

Dennis updated the Commission on Drury Park. The grass and soil has been removed to make room for the installation of the playground equipment and the asphalt tracks around the playgrounds. Gordon Paving is paving the asphalt and should be done Thursday with the paving. The Parks and Recreation staff will be installing at least 2 pieces of the playground equipment on Tuesday, August 18th. The fall surfacing material should be delivered on Thursday the 20th. The concrete pad for the tables will be poured soon after the equipment has been installed.

Staff is looking at installing different fencing than what was previously proposed. A fence was installed around the playground equipment at City Park and they are looking at putting in the same type along Washington Street. One of the benefits with this type of fencing is that it can be moved at some point. John

asked if the Seagraves Foundation would like a plaque at the park informing people that the improvements were donated from them. Paula will ask them.

Item #6 Baseball Trust Agreement

Dennis informed the Commission that Council approved the agreement between the City and The Twin Falls County Youth Baseball Trust. The key components of the agreement in exchange for the Trust's contribution is the City will: Reimburse the Trust 25% of their contribution, agree to maintain the lighting system at the City's expense, grant the TFCYB priority use on the fields from March 15-May 15 and accept all liability for the operation of the lights.

Item #7 Other Items from the Commission

Dennis reported that Council has set the cap for the budget. August 24th will be the first public hearing held for the budget. A total of 3 public hearings can be held. Dennis explained to the Commission that Council can't approve anything higher than the cap on the budget but they can decrease it.

Tennille asked if there was a status report on building a dog park at the Boyd property above the County's Rock Creek Park west of the hospital. Dennis stated that area is tied up for 4-5 more years with the contractor cleaning up the site. He hasn't researched anything else. John would like to see what the response of the community is for having a dog park. RoLynne asked if Dennis receives negative comments about dogs in parks. Dennis commented that he has only really received some negative comments with dogs on the trails. Trip mentioned that some Council members may suggest not having dogs in City Park or any other parks. If that happens, that would bring up more public awareness to have a dog park in the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33pm.

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

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