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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 14, 2012* * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan, Jeff Blick, Tony Brand, Ryan Horsley, Craig Manning and Tom Reynolds.

Members Absent: Kevin Dane and Carl Legg

Council Present: Shawn Barigar

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer

Staff Absent: Mitch Humble and Stacy McClintock

Guests: Steve Vawser, Magic Valley Canine Social Club

MINUTES

Vice-Chairperson Tennille Adams called the meeting to order at 11:33 am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the July 10th, 2012 meeting

Ryan Horsley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10th, 2012 meeting. Tony Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation staff reports. We are currently in late registration for soccer with 621 registered so far. This is an increase from last year and we are expecting more late registrations. Men's flag football will start tonight, August 14th and will be played on Cowboy and Legion Field at Harmon Park. The season will be ending in late October with a tournament being held in early November.

Parks staff is working on regular summer maintenance in the parks doing fertilizing, tree spraying and pruning. The OTYC restroom is finished and staff will be tearing down the old restroom sometime this winter. They are

looking at putting some playground equipment in the area where the old restroom was as well as some safety netting at the fields.

Courtney Conservation Park is progressing and a ribbon cutting ceremony should take place in September. Tennille asked Dennis how the lane widening was going at Fillmore Street. Dennis said that Riedesel Engineering has been hired to design the project and they are waiting for the go ahead from the City Engineering Department.

Movie's in the Park was the biggest turnout to date on July 27th. The next movie will be "Megamind" and will be shown on Friday, August 31st at 8:30pm at the City Park Band shell.

Sporties for Shorties programs continue to be popular and British Soccer went very well with more participants this year.

Item #3 Recreation Center Committee Update

A meeting was held on Thursday, August 9th. The attendance was very poor but Dennis mentioned that they are making some progress. The goal is to present a report to City Council as soon as possible, even though the City and the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley are in discussions concerning a potential partnership for a recreation center.

Dennis has started working on the report for Council and he will send it on to the committee to review. The goal is to have a report ready to present to Council sometime in September.

Item #4 Porta-Potties in Parks

City Staff has received a request to place a porta-potty at Harrison Park during the season. Harrison Park has not had a permanent restroom for approximately 30 years. There are also other neighborhood parks that do not have restrooms: Blue Lakes Rotary, Fairway Estates, Morning Sun, Sunrise and Willow Lane. The Rock Creek Canyon Parkway also does not have a restroom.

The City places porta-potties out in parks that have permanent restrooms for the month of March until the permanent restrooms are opened. Permanent restrooms are open April through October but porta-potties are only placed at Shoshone Falls and the Visitor's Center during the winter since these are tourist attractions.

Dennis explained that at the time he received the request, he was foreseeing a cost estimate of approximately \$4000 for the year to place porta-potties at the following parks: Blue Lakes Rotary, Harrison, Morning Sun, Rock Creek Canyon Parkway and Sunrise. Since that time, a bid request was submitted to PSI for pricing and PSI submitted back a proposal stating that they will donate up to 5 portables for various parks with twice a week service. Tennille suggested that the City send an acknowledgment to PSI thanking them for this donation.

Item #6 Temporary Dog Park at Harmon

Since the new dog park (Baxter's Park) will not be ready until next year, staff and the Magic Valley Canine Social Club is looking at other areas that would provide a temporary dog park to the public this winter. Dennis stated that staff is recommending to approve Harmon Park Field #3 to be set up as a temporary dog park from Monday, October 1, 2012 to Sunday, March 10, 2013. The rules and regulations would be the same as they were last winter at Frontier Field with the exception that the dog park would be a mixture of the small and large dog's areas into one.

Ryan Horsley made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to set up Harmon Park Field #3 as a temporary dog park from Monday, October 1, 2012 to Sunday, March 10, 2013. Tony Brand seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Item #5 Dog Swim Day at Dierkes Lake

Steve Vawser with the Magic Valley Canine Social Club presented to the Commission his request to use Dierkes Lake for a dog swim day. The Magic Valley Canine Social Club is looking for ways to raise funds to help build the new dog park. One of the ideas they had is to have a swimming day for dogs. Typically these types of events are held at swimming pools on the last day the pools are open for the season. Since the City/YMCA pool is open year round, they suggested using Dierkes Lake for this.

The day for this event is planned for Saturday, September 15th from 10am to 2pm and the cost per dog would be \$10. Currently, dogs are not allowed at Dierkes Lake except for dog training purposes at the far west side of the lake at the boat launch area and dog owners may walk their dogs on a leash on the trail that circles the lake. At the time the event is scheduled, the swimming at the lake is reduced to very little usage. Lifeguards are also not on duty anymore.

Discussion followed. It was suggested to advertise the event a few weeks prior with a sign at the ticket booth so people are aware that the day will be used for dogs.

Jeff Blick made a motion to approve the request from the Magic Valley Canine Social Club to designate Saturday, September 15th from 10am-2pm as a temporary dog park at Dierkes Lakes to allow dogs to go swimming in the lake. Liyah Babayan seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Jeff also suggested to Steve Vawser that possibly doing a fun run with dogs could be an idea for a fundraiser.

Item #7 Tree Donation Request

Dennis has received a donation request from Dave and Suzanne Hawkins for an enhanced inscription on a plaque for a donated tree at City Park dedicated to Lance Clow. The requested text is: "In Honor of Lance Clow, for your many years of dedication and service to the City of Twin Falls 1994-2012".

The section in the Donation Policy that deals with inscriptions states:

Inscription –The text of memorials to individuals may include the name of the person being dedicated to, honored, or memorialized, the dates of the birth and death of that person or the date of the dedication or when honored. Any additional text and any inscription for other donations must be directly related to the history of the community, and may identify groups or persons with longstanding ties to the community.

The Commission had no concerns with approving the request for the enhanced inscription on the plaque.

Ryan Horsley made a motion to approve the request for a tree donation with the text: "In Honor of Lance Clow, for your many years of dedication and service to the City of Twin Falls 1994-2012". Liyah Babayan seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

Item #8 Update on Projects

Dennis informed the Commission that Lowe's has donated approximately 200-300 packets of seeds for the Community Garden.

Dennis showed the Commission pictures of Courtney Conservation Park on the overhead.

Liyah asked what the status was on possibly purchasing the property at Daydream Ranch. Shawn informed the Commission that Council has decided not to move forward with purchasing the property. Cost is a factor in developing the property and they feel that it is too large of a project to take on at this time but it is something they may look at in the future.

Item #9 Other Items from the Commission

Nothing was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be September 11th, 2012 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.



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