



# TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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## TWIN FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

**July 9, 2013**  
**11:30am**

Twin Falls City Council Chambers  
305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East

### AGENDA

**11:30 a.m.** Call to Order

- 1. Approve minutes of the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting**
- 2. Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**
- 3. Update on Dog Park Fundraising and Construction**
- 4. Skateboard Park New Rule Request – 12:00noon**
- 5. Update on Budgets**
- 6. Other Items from the Commission**

*\*Any person(s) needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact Nikki Miller at (208)736-2265 at least two working days before the meeting.*

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### STAFF REPORT

- 1. Approve minutes of the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting – Commission**  
The Commission needs to approve or amend the proposed set of minutes

- 2. Parks/Recreation Staff Reports - Staff**  
Enclosed are the Parks & Recreation Staff Reports

- 3. Update on Dog Park Fundraising and Construction - Staff**  
The Magic Valley K9 Social Club and the YMCA held another fundraising event the last Saturday in July. They held “The Fast and the Furriest” 5K fun run, of course dogs were allowed to participate in the fun run. Also veterinarian Dr. Marty Becker was there to autographs some of his books that he has written and all those funds were donated to Baxter’s Park. At the event was a dog agility course, dog tricks, dog look-a-like contest (with the owners). Approximately another \$2,000 was raised for the park. They have raised over \$65,000 so far.

City crews started to grade/level the site for Baxter’s Park. Within 2-3 weeks, City crews will install the irrigation system, the trees along Blake St. N. will be removed (they are in very poor health), after the irrigation system (1<sup>st</sup> year on domestic water, in 2014 it will be on canal water) is installed, we will work with Leon Mills and volunteers to install the fence, after that is completed, then the site will be seeded. Tentatively budgeted for next year, is a uni-sex restroom (same as Drury Park), getting utilities to the site, material for a parking lot, and walking paths w/edging along the fence lines.

The plan is to have a ribbon cutting/grand opening sometime in May or June of 2014.

- 4. Skateboard Park New Rule Request – 12:00noon – Shawn Black**  
Attached is a letter from Shawn Black requesting that scooters be banned from the skatepark. His reasoning is in his letter.

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Shawn was part of the Skatepark Committee back in 1996 when the City Council commissioned this committee to investigate the possibility of constructing a skatepark. The park was first open in the summer of 2001; it is 10,000sq ft. in size, all concrete.

Part of the committee's recommendation was rules for the skatepark. Below are the rules and regulations for the park.

Open from 6:00am to 11:00pm

- Skate at your own risk, the park is not supervised
- The use of protective equipment including helmets, knee and elbow pads and wrist guards is strongly recommended
- The skate park surface is extremely dangerous when wet
- Help keep your skate park clean, put trash in the cans
- Due to the damage they can cause, bicycles are not allowed
- This is your park, please take care of it. Don't tag it
- Respect our neighbors, avoid excessive noise
- City of Twin Falls is not responsible for lost or stolen items
- Glass containers are prohibited
- Skate safe and have fun

The banning of bicycles was a long discussion for the committee. At that time, scooters were not part of the skateboarding scene of wheeled vehicles so it was not part of the discussion to ban or not to ban.

Below is the section in the City Code about skateboards.

## **9-2-5: USE OF COASTERS, ROLLER SKATES, SKATEBOARDS, TOY VEHICLES, OR SIMILAR DEVICES:**

(A) Limitation To Use Of Streets: No person upon roller skates or operating in or by means of any coaster, skateboard, toy vehicle or similar device, shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street within a crosswalk and when so crossing such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to pedestrians<sup>1</sup>. This section shall not apply upon any street while set aside as a play street as authorized by ordinance of this city.

(B) Limitations To Use Of Sidewalks: No person shall upon roller skates, coasters, skateboards, toy vehicles or similar devices operate such devices upon a sidewalk or any

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area within the business improvement district with the boundaries of 3rd Streets west and north, 4th Avenues north and east, 3rd Streets south and east and 2nd Avenues west and south. The police department is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk or roadway indicating that the operation of roller skates, coasters, skateboards, toy vehicles or similar devices thereon by any person is prohibited. Whenever any person is operating roller skates, coasters, skateboards, toy vehicles or similar devices on a sidewalk in other than the business improvement district of the city, such person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking such pedestrian. (Ord. 2213, 7-6-1987)

The Parks & Recreation Commission's recommendation will be forward to the City Council for their consideration.

## 5. Update on Budgets

City staff members are currently working on several projects that are scheduled to be completed this budget year. There are: 1) adding sidewalk for ADA accessibility issues to playgrounds; 2) sand slurry two trails – Rock Creek Canyon Parkway and the Breckenridge Estates; 3) small restoration at Cascade Park near the restroom; 4) Community Entrance welcome signs; 5) installation of a small basketball court and hoop at Harrison Park; 6) Web Cam for Shoshone Falls; 7) backstop at Northern Ridge Park and; 8) signs for the Centennial ponds and trails near the gun range above Shoshone Falls.

The Commission received an email for staff listing the proposed budget capital improvement projects for next year. They are listed below:

- Master Plan for Parks & Recreation
- Shelter for Ascension Park
- Restroom for Blue Lakes Rotary Park
- Sand Slurries for the following trails – Morning Sun, Vista Bonita, and the East Perrine Bridge trail
- Fencing upgrades around some ball fields
- Electricity for the Frontier Field shelters
- Community Garden
- Signage for Bicycle Routes
- Baxter's Park – dog park
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Plaza Enhancement at the OTYC  
Safety netting at the OTYC  
Resurface the Harmon east tennis courts  
Enhance ID system for youth coaches  
Storage container for Sunway  
Scoreboard replacement at the OTYC

Landscaping enhancement at the Swimming Pool

Interpretive Signs at Shoshone Falls  
Electricity to tables at Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake  
Irrigation Improvement at Dierkes Lake  
Rehab at the Kiwanis Nook area  
Engineering Design for the east stairs at Dierkes Lake

## **6. Other Items from the Commission**

Other items that the Commission may have questions about or issues the Commission wants to discuss.

### **Attachments:**

1. Staff Reports
2. Shawn Black's Letter