



# TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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## TWIN FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

**March 11, 2014**  
**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 January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting**
- 2. Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**
- 3. Inclusive Playground Project Proposal**
- 4. Recycling in Parks Discussion**
- 5. Openings on Commission**
- 6. Other Items from the Commission**

Si desea esta información en español, llame Leila Sanchez al (208)735-7287

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11:30am  
STAFF REPORT

**1. Approve minutes of the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 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. Inclusive Playground Project Proposal – Hailey Barnes**

Staff has been in discussion with Hailey Barnes on an Inclusive Playground for the City of Twin Falls. An inclusive playground is one that is designed to be completely accessible to disabled children. Currently the City's 17 existing playgrounds meet the ADA code for accessibility, but none are fully accessible. Hailey is working with Carleen Herring with Region IV Development who has offered to help with the grant writing process, also Mandi Thompson, the City's grant writer will work on this project also.

The first step was to find a suitable location; staff reviewed several parks and a downtown location. The parks were: Frontier Field, Harmon Park, Oregon Trail Youth Complex, and Vista Bonita. The downtown location would be near when the new "Main Avenue Fountain Plaza" development would be located. After reviewing all sites, it was determined by staff that Frontier Field would be the best location; there is existing play equipment at the park. That play equipment would be remove and moved to an undetermined location. There is enough space at Frontier where you could have a play area up to 10,000 sq. ft. in size.

Hailey is requesting for the City to maintain the playground after it is built, to help with the public meetings, and with fundraising efforts.

Staff recommends approving this concept of an inclusive playground at Frontier Field with the following conditions:

- Hailey and others to form a citizen committee to design the playground.
- Hailey and others to form a citizen committee to raise funds for the playground (it could be the same committee).
- Hailey and others to form a committee to install the playground and fall surfacing material.

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- These committees work with City staff on the logistics of this project.

#### **4. Recycling in Parks Discussion – Staff, Commission, and Les Reitz with PSI**

Staff is researching the possibility in implementing a recycling program in some of the city parks. Last year staff investigating the idea, but could not make it happen due to several reasons.

Staff would like to start with a few parks for a pilot program this spring and summer. The parks that staff is reviewing are: Oregon Trail Youth Complex, Sunway Soccer Complex, City Park, and one of the popular neighborhood parks. These first three parks are the heaviest use parks we have and could make the biggest impact for reducing the waste that is hauled to the landfill.

Les Reitz with PSI (City contracted provider for garbage and recycling services) will present to the Commission his ideas of how it could work this year. He will have a handout available at the meeting with what PSI could do to assist the City and what he would have to have the City do to achieve success on this program.

#### **5. Opening on Commissions – Staff and Commission**

Our Commission will have two openings, Jeff Blick is terming out and Craig Manning decided not to be asked to be reappointed. Liyah Babayan has requested to be reappointed for another three year term. At this time, we have only received one application for the two openings. I have attached an application for the Commission's use if they know of someone that might be willing to serve on the Commission. Staff would like to have the two new members be appointed by the April meeting.

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

Future Parks tour – when? Baxter's Park update and other items that the Commission may have questions about or issues the Commission wants to discuss.

#### **Attachments:**

1. Meeting Minutes
2. Staff Reports
3. Aerial of Frontier Field – Site for Inclusive Playground
4. Parks & Recreation Commission Member Application



Cabin Fever day was January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and was a success and the public indicated that they look forward to this event every year. Skateland participated this year. The Pomerelle ski and board program has 42 participants and the Magic Mountain program has 9 participants. Youth wrestling is in registration mode and the season will start March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Spring Youth Soccer program is also in registration with late registration beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> and games start March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Staff is collecting information for the 2014 Spring/Summer guide and expects the guide to be out late March early April.

Staff is currently researching different companies for the safety netting at the Oregon Trail Youth Complex for the plaza area.

Staff is researching ID card systems for purchase to provide coaches and assistants that help with our youth programs ID's.

Dennis presented the staff report for the Parks department. Baxter's Park fencing is under construction and probably 95% completed. The park will be on pressurized irrigation and we are working with the canal company on that. Winter maintenance of all the Parks & Recreation equipment is under way.

The revision of bid specs for CAM (common area maintenance) contracts is almost complete.

The department has ordered a new 1-ton truck with a flat dump bed.

We have restructured the maintenance of areas of the City from six to seven. We maintain over 80 areas so we have restructured to ensure an even work load.

Tony Brand asked if the CAM areas were an all or nothing contract. Dennis indicated that we break it up in regards to the different areas of town. We group them together in four packages.

Liyah asked if the Parks and Recreation department has considered the artificial or synthetic turf for the areas that are in the CAM areas or the smaller areas that have grass. Dennis indicated that Hailey Barnes from Final Cut Synthetic Turf Company presented the product to City Council and they were interested in looking at it further.

### **Item #3**

#### **Parks In Lieu of Request**

Dennis presented the Parks In Lieu of Request for the Lengfeld Subdivision

located on the west side of Madrona St. N., north side of Pomerelle Drive, southwest corner Madrona St. N and Candleridge Drive. The request is for an in lieu of contribution without walking/bicycle trails in the amount of \$227.44. The request did meet all the criteria for infill subdivision which entitles them for a 50% reduction in their fee. Staff is recommending supporting the developer's request.

Ryan Horsley motioned to accept staff's recommendation to accept the In Lieu Request. Tennille Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### **Item #4**

#### **Grant Application Request**

Dennis presented the grant that we are applying for, Recreation Trails Program through the State of Idaho Parks & Recreation Department. The grant is for the Pillar Falls trail section. The application is due by Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. We are requesting approximately \$40,000; the City will be matching it with \$20,000 and with funds from the Magic Valley Trail Enhancement Committee (\$7500) and the Twin Falls Community Foundation (\$10,000). The grant would be used to construct the 2100' trail and approximately 1100' of fencing.

Staff recommends for th

e Parks & Recreation Commission to approve the grant application and have staff present this grant application to the City Council for their consideration and Mayor's signature.

Tony Brand asked if there were any requirements on the grant side in regards to the maintenance of these trails and to extend the life of the trail. We use a sand slurry on our trails and we don't have to deal with trees and their root systems, therefor our trails tend to last longer.

Liyah Babayan asked which sections of the six have been developed. We have completed one of the six sections, the Breckenridge section. We have to work with the developers and private owners in regards to these trails. Liyah also asked if there have been any grants applied for in regards to these trails. Dennis indicated that he has done grants in the past which did not get funded. We own this land and can apply for the grant, the others we did not own. Liyah also asked if there has been parking addressed in the grant. The grant does not address parking at this time. Dennis indicated that many areas where parking is available. Dennis also indicated that in future plans we want to have trail heads located every mile for parking.

Ryan Horsley motioned to accept the staff's recommendation to approve the grant application for the Pillar Falls trail section through the recreation trails program with the State of Idaho Parks and Recreation department and have staff submit to

City Council for their consideration and the Mayer's signature. Liyah seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Item #5 Other Items from the Commission**

1. Future Parks tour to be scheduled once we have the new commissioners in place.
2. Opening(s) on the Commission, Jeff Blick's term is up and he has served his full two three year terms, he is not eligible to serve another term. Liyah Babayan's term will be up in March and Craig Manning also, both of these are eligible to serve another three year term. Dennis requested from Liyah and Craig to send a letter or email of your intent to continue on the Commission or not. We will have to look at our officer's for the Commission as well.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm, next meeting will be February 11, 2014 at City Council Chambers, 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave E., at 11:30 am.

Nikki Miller  
Administrative Assistant

*Nikki Miller*

## **Recreation Staff Report March 2014**

**Adult Basketball:** The end of season tournament will start for all divisions the week of March 17<sup>th</sup> and will finish the week of March 31<sup>st</sup>. The leagues so far have progressed with little or no problems.

**Winter Youth Basketball:** The season concluded with the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade tournaments held on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Overall this program was a great success.

**Spring Soccer:** The last day for soccer registration was Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are still accepting late registration until Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>. We currently have 613 players registered and last year we had a total of 603 players at this time with an overall total of 744 at the end of last season. Practices will start the week of March 31<sup>st</sup>, with games starting on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Men's & Coed Softball:** This year the cost for men's will be \$810 for a 16 game season with an end of the season double elimination tournament and the cost for Coed will be \$650 for a 10 game season with an end of the season double elimination tournament. New this year ASA has changed the men's softball from a 44 core to a 52 core to slow down the speed of the ball coming off the bat, which in turn will hopefully provide the players with an added layer of safety. This change will be for all men's softballs used in Men's or Coed leagues.

**Adult Volleyball:** The last of these tournaments concluded on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Once again these leagues have been fairly easy to run, with no complaints or issues.

**Hershey Track Meet:** The Kiwanis Club of TF along with the Parks and Recreation will again be hosting the Hershey's track meet at Canyon Ridge High School Track on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. This is a free event open to kids ages 7 to 14. New this year, we will now offer a 7-8 year old category, but they cannot advance to the state meet, this is a local event only and an opportunity for them to compete.

**Recreation Report**  
**March 2014**  
**Stacy McClintock**

- **Spring/Summer Recreation Guide** will be out the end of March early April. We have a ton of new activities and a new format that we are trying out.
- We are currently taking registration for our **Sporties for Shorties: “Goalll”** program. This program is designed for 4 and 5 year old boys and girls. This program is designed to introduce the fundamentals of soccer in a non-competitive environment. Each Saturday, participants work on skill development while having fun. There are no designated teams or coaches and parents are required to participate with their child. Each participant will receive a t-shirt. This program will start April 26<sup>th</sup> and run until May 17<sup>th</sup>. There are three time slots that you can sign up for; 9:30-10:15am, 10:30-11:15 or 11:30-12:15. The price is \$30.
- **Shotokan Karate** is still taking new registration. Come learn ancient martial arts. This class is held at the Harmon Recreation Building every Tuesday and Wednesday night. The price is \$15 per person per month.

**Parks Department Report**  
**Parks Coordinators**  
**Todd Andersen & Kevin Skelton**  
**March 2014**

The past month the Parks Department has been working on the following projects and regular maintenance:

- Renovation of the Graybill building is under way.
- Dormant oil spraying of trees has been completed.
- Finishing landscape work around the ADA sidewalks to playgrounds is being done.
- Tree pruning is underway.
- Baxters Park the fencing is under construction.
- The engineering for curb, gutter, sidewalk and parking lot for Baxter’s Park has been completed by EHM. A portion of the engineering was donated by them to the project. The project has gone to bid and the bid opening will be March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Winter Maintenance of all of the Parks & Rec equipment is complete.
- Budgetary long term planning is under way
- The two restrooms and picnic shelters have been ordered and quotes are currently being accepted for installations of each.



Frontier Field  
Approximately 10,000 sq. ft.



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## APPLICATION FOR THE TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION (PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT) \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN TWIN FALLS? \_\_\_\_\_

WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THIS COMMISSION? \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEFLY LIST THE VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY PROJECTS YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN TWIN FALLS AND OTHER COMMUNITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

WHICH OF THE CITY RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED WITH THESE PROGRAMS? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY USE THE PARKS IN TWIN FALLS? \_\_\_\_\_ HOW? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT THE PARKS? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ADDITIONAL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES SHOULD THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS OFFER? \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: SERVING ON THE COMMISSION WILL REQUIRE A COMMITMENT OF YOUR TIME.

1. ATTENDING MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETINGS.
2. SERVING ON SPECIAL PROJECTS AS NEEDED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU.

APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 136 MAXWELL AVE. MAILED TO PO BOX 1907 or E-MAILED to [dbowyer@tfid.org](mailto:dbowyer@tfid.org) , BY FRIDAY, **MARCH 14, 2014.**

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