



# TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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## **TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

July 8, 2014\* \* \* \* \* 11:35 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Tennille Adams, Joey Martin, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Marc Lambert, Tom Reynolds, Carl Legg and Ryan Horsley

**Members Absent:** Liyah Babayan

**Council Present:** Shawn Barigar

**Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer, Stacy McClintock, Mitch Humble, and Nikki Miller

**Staff Absent:** N/A

**Guest:** John Pauley, YMCA's Aquatics Director

## **MINUTES**

**Chairman Kevin Dane called meeting to order at 11:35 am.**

**Item #1 Approve minutes of the June 10th, meeting.**

Ryan Horsley motion to accept minutes as is, Tom Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Item #2 Park and Recreation Staff Reports**

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*The Benefits are Endless...*

**Baseball & Softball:**

The youth baseball/softball season will finish on July 9<sup>th</sup> for the Kindergarten girls and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Boys leagues, on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys leagues and the 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls leagues and the week of July 14<sup>th</sup> for the Kindergarten boys, 1<sup>st</sup> grade girls and concludes on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> with the boy's 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament. I have only had to deal with a few complaints this summer, mainly concerning coach and parent issues.

The adult men's softball leagues will conclude their season on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Their end of the season double elimination tournament will start on Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup>. The Coed leagues have been running very well and they will end on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Their end of the season tournament will start on August 4<sup>th</sup> and finish on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

We still have 4 tournaments left this summer, but so far this summer has been very low key and enjoyable for all.

**Adult Flag Football:**

Rosters are due on Friday July 25<sup>th</sup> and we will be starting league games on Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had 16 teams in the league compared to 14 the previous year and hope for another great season of football.

**Adult Fall Coed One Pitch Softball:**

Rosters are due on Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>, and we will start league on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had 8 teams in the league and hope after the success of last year's season more teams will join in this fall. This league was extremely enjoyable for all who played, including the staff and umpires.

**Fall Soccer:** Registration is June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 30<sup>th</sup>. The season will begin on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are currently taking registration for our **Sporties for Shorties Soccer** 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 session, 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

**Movies in the Park** Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 pm at the City Park Band Shell come enjoy Despicable Me 2. The June movie was fantastic. We had approximately 100 people there! Let's hope that July is equally as big!

**British Soccer** will start on July 28<sup>th</sup> and run through August 1<sup>st</sup> this year.

**Tennis-** Intermediate Tennis lessons begin on July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>. All lessons will be held at Harmon Park twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for four weeks.

Let's not forget about **Shotokan Karate**. This oldest Karate organization in America has not come to Twin Falls. Let Jesse Clark teach you this ancient art of courtesy, form, and mental strength! \$15 per month on Tuesday and Wednesday nights

We are now in registration for our youth fall soccer. The cost is \$20 if you live inside of City limits and \$35 if you do not. Games will be played once during the week and once on Saturday at the Sunway Soccer Complex. Games will start the Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

City staff is working on a grant for the Oregon Trail Youth Complex. Currently staff is working with the Twin Falls County Youth Baseball with the grant. This grant will help cover cost for the netting and new scoreboards.

City staff has awarded a bid for the resurfacing of the Harmon West tennis courts. This project will be done end of July early August.

City staff has also allowed the pickleball group to use the tennis courts at the Oregon Trail Youth Complex. They have lined the courts and have cleaned them up quite a bit.

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

Baxter's Park was mowed for the first time last week. The irrigation reservoir had been installed and construction for the restroom is underway.

Picnic shelter construction is complete with the perimeter landscaping, electricity and the installation of the tables to be finished.

The landscaping CI for the front of the "Y"/City Pool has begun. We are replacing overgrown shrubbery and worn turf with drought tolerant plantings.

Turf insecticide has been applied in various parks to combat billbug infestations

Tony Brand asked about for an update on the Community Garden. Dennis indicated that we have a policy in place. People can come to the Commission and inquire about certain properties. The City acquired three acres on Filer Ave West and the idea was to make this into a community garden. We currently do not have anyone coming and asking about the community garden. We have been talking about the pros and cons of doing the garden ourselves but nothing has come of it. If a group comes to us the policy will allow the group to have a community garden. The three acre area would need to have improvements made in order to do the community garden and perhaps spending the money right now is not feasible. The Church of the Ascension has a community garden open to the public and CSI also has a community garden as well.

### **Item #3      Parks & Recreation Master Plan**

The City sent out nineteen to twenty packets and has received six proposals from consulting firms to provide services to the City to develop a Parks & Recreation Master Plan. A small group of people are reviewing the proposals to rank the top proposals to select one or to interview two or three firms. This Master Plan will replace the comprehensive plan chapter on Parks and Recreation. It is a six month project and we were trying to get it done by the end of this year possibly run into next year. Carl Legg asked what the budget is for that. Dennis

indicated that it is \$50,000. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be an integral part of developing this master plan.

**Item #4 Swimming Pool Proposed Increase – John Pauley presentation**

In October 2013, the YMCA decided to always have two lifeguards on duty. They made this decision because they wanted to create a safer aquatic environment. Having two guards allows them to have more eyes on the pool, splits the pool into two zones with smaller areas of responsibility and allows for an additional rescuer in case of an emergency.

Since going to the two lifeguards on duty system in October 2013, they have seen an increase of \$20,500 in wages paid to lifeguards from September 2013 – June 2014 over the year before. From September 2012 – June 2013 they spent \$50,879.39 on lifeguard wages and during the same period from 2013-2014 they spent \$71,448.49 on lifeguard wages. These numbers do not include July or August which are their two busiest months of the year.

To help make up for the shortfall in having an additional lifeguard on duty, they propose the following price increases:

**Daily Admission Fees (includes sales tax)**

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>	<u>Maximum Rate</u>
3 and under	\$2.00	\$2.50	25.0%	\$3.00
Ages 4-17	\$3.00	\$3.50	16.7%	\$4.50
Adults	\$4.00	\$4.50	12.5%	\$6.00

**Monthly Pool Passes (does not include sales tax)**

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>	<u>Maximum Rate</u>
Youth (8-17)	\$21.00	Same rate	0%	\$29.50
Adult	\$22.50	\$23.99	6.6%	\$31.50
Family	\$27.50	\$29.99	9.1%	\$38.50

**Annual Pool Passes (does not include sales tax)**

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>	<u>Maximum Rate</u>
Youth (8-17)	\$170.00	Same rate	0%	\$237.50
Adult	\$184.91	\$200.00	8.2%	\$260.00
Family	\$250.00	\$275.00	10.0%	\$350.00

**Joiner Fee (does include sales tax)**

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>	<u>Maximum Rate</u>
Youth (8-17)	\$25.00	Same rate	0%	\$50.00
Adult	\$25.00	Same rate	0%	\$50.00
Family	\$25.00	\$35.00	40.0%	\$50.00

Tom Reynolds motioned to accept the proposed fee structure and to take to the City Council for approval. Joey Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Item #3 Other Items from the Commission**

Dennis updated the Commission on Baxters Dog Park. We have cut the grass for the first time and are planning on the middle of August for the grand opening.

The proposed increase for fees at Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake will not move forward with the proposed increase for 2015. The proposal will mostly likely be revisited in the future. City Manager heard some feedback from the Council prior to it getting on the agenda. Finance department and city staff reviewed our projected revenues and expenditures and we decided not to implement the increase this year but will look at again next year. Our revenue down there depends on our flows. July is our biggest month for collecting revenue during normal flow years. We may be able to cover expenses for next year but we have to remember our capital expenses. If we do not generate enough revenue next year we may have to dip into the general fund.

We have two trails being built this year. One will be called the Pillar Falls trail. The trail from the Perrine Bridge going the east along the rim for about 2000 feet and stops and heads directly south of Poleline. This new section of trail will wrap around that house and go along the rim for about 1500 linear feet and then heads straight down Poleline again. There are some great views of Pillar Falls there. The Knievel section, the Centennial Trail that comes up out of the canyon and goes along the canyon rim and stops, that section will be built further west and goes right in front of the jump site and stops. We are hoping to release the bids in the next two to three weeks and get back in front of the Council. One of our seasonal employees is out there blazing a trail on City property from the jump site directly south. This will be just a hard packed trail for walking or biking. We are looking at two more sections in that area.

Tony Brand asked Dennis about the jump site and if there has been anything discussed in generating some revenue from it? Right now it is in a hold pattern. There is a deed restriction that says there cannot be any type of commercial activities out there. We may be able to put a restroom and parking lot out there to draw people to the area and then have the visitor center sell the wares.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm. Next meeting is Tuesday, August 12, 2014, 11:00 am at City Council Chambers, 305 Third Ave E.

Nikki Miller



Administrative Assistant