



TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 21, 2015 * * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Tony Brand, Marc Lambert, Joey Martin, Tom Reynolds and Richard Birrell

Members Absent: Liyah Babayan and Carl Legg

Council Present: N/A

Council Absent: Shawn Barigar

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer, Stacy McClintock and Nikki Miller

Staff Absent: Mitchell Humble

Guests: Kathryn Almberg, Representative for Developer of Fieldstream Apartments

Vice Chairperson Tennille Adams called the meeting to order at 11:35am.

Item #1 Welcome New Member

At the Monday City Council meeting the Mayor confirmed the Commissioner re-appointment for Tom Reynolds for another three year term from April 2015 to March 2018. The City Council also appointed Richard Birrell to a three year term for Commissioner from April 2015 to March 2018.

Congratulations to Tom and Rich and welcome.

The Benefits are Endless...

Also at the April 20th City Council meeting the future of the Golf Advisory Commission was discussed. It was recommended that the duties of the Golf Advisory be fulfilled by the Parks & Recreation Commission. Richard Birrell is coming to us from the Golf Advisory Commission.

Item #2 Election of Officers

Vacant positions are Chairman and Vice Chairman. Vice Chair Tennille called for nominations for position of Chairman. Tony Brand nominated Vice Chair, Tennille Adams for the position of Chairman. Joey Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted in favor of Tennille being Chairman. Chairman Adams called for nominations for Vice Chair. Tom Reynolds nominated Marc Lambert and Marc Lambert nominated Tom Reynolds. Marc Lambert seconded the motion for Tom Reynolds and Tom Reynolds seconded for Marc Lambert. A roll call vote was taken for Tom Reynolds and the vote was 5 to 1 in favor of Tom Reynolds. A roll call vote was taken for Marc Lambert and the vote was 6 to 0 in favor of Marc Lambert. Marc Lambert is the new Vice Chairman.

Item #3 Approve minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting

Tom Reynolds motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Joey Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item #4 Parks & Recreation Staff Reports

Stacy reviewed the staff reports with the Commission. Spring soccer started April 11th and will run through April 30th. Enrollment is up 134 participants from last year. Baseball/softball registration began March 30th with games starting June 8 running through July 11th. Men's and Coed softball rosters were due on Friday, April 10th and games will start the week of May 11th and run through the last week in July for the Men's league and the middle of August for the Coed league.

The Spring/Summer guide is in for printing and should be out soon.

The Sporties for Shorties batter up program is in the registration process as well as the Success Martial Arts summer program

Softball/baseball fields are being prepped for the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth season.

Bids for the repaving and surfacing of the CSI tennis courts is being worked on with the Engineering department. The cost of this is split between CSI and the City.

The Recreation department has hired four seasonal staff through Personnel Plus to help with the field maintenance and they will also be working with the Parks department on parks maintenance.

Staff will be doing a presentation on the Long Term Planning to City Council on April 27th, 2015.

Dennis reviewed the Parks Department report with the Commissioners. All restrooms have been opened and irrigation systems are prepped for watering. Preliminary work for the storage building is being done, pre-emergent herbicides have been applied as well as weed abatement. Dormant oil spraying of trees is complete. The department is planning on building a vault restroom down at Auger Falls.

Joey Martin asked Dennis if the Oregon Trail Youth Complex, which is on well water, is classified at junior rights. Joey indicated that if it is junior rights classified that the Idaho

Department of Water resources issued a mitigation for those on ground/well water and that they will have to go to Twin Falls Canal Company. Dennis will check on the classification.

Item #5 Update on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The 3rd meeting for the Steering Committee was held on Thursday March 19th at 6pm at the City Council Chambers. JUB was able to show some of the mapping features with the preliminary results of the survey. The survey is officially over; we ended up with about 470 being filled out. JUB are currently reviewing all of the results from the surveys to help prepare a draft of a master plan. The plan should be completed in late May or June.

Item #6 Parks In Lieu of Request – 12:00 noon

The developer for the 60 multi-family unit apartment complex (Field Stream apartments) is requesting the Parks In Lieu of since their park land dedication is only .6 acres. Kathryn Almborg stated the developer will be building playgrounds, picnic tables and grills with in the apartment complex. There is also a half-court basketball court going in. The developer is requesting a 50% reduction of their in lieu of fees because of their amenities they are placing in their development. This request does not meet the requirements to qualify within our 50% reduction regarding “in-fill” development. Staff supports the In Lieu of Request but does not have a stand on the 50% reduction. Kathryn Almborg from the Housing Company, which is a nonprofit company and the developer of the Field Stream apartments gave her presentation on why they are asking for the In Lieu of Request fee reduction. They are a nonprofit building affordable housing. The apartment complex is providing quite a bit of parks and will be containing a lot of the park space on the grounds.

Richard Birrell asked what will be going into the clubhouse. Kathryn has an office, two restrooms, a community room with fireplace, a kitchenette and exercise room with treadmill, free weights and a bike and a balance ball. It will have a small garage for storage of maintenance items.

Joey Martin asked about the use of the recreation facilities within the housing unit. Will others be able to use the facilities? The facilities may be used by anyone however it cannot be advertised as a public park because of the funding sources. You cannot use HUD funds for public access.

Tony Brand asked for clarification on the recommendations. Dennis recommended that there be two recommendations, one for the In Lieu of Request and a separate one for the reduction of fees.

Tony Brand motioned that the Commission recommend to the City Council to accept the In-Lieu of Request. Tom Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call motion was called. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Commissioners had a discussion on the percentage of reduced fees being asked for. The Commission decided that the 50% fee was more than what the Commission was comfortable with.

Tom Reynolds asked Dennis what it would take to make a change to the ordinance in regards to non-profit and for profit agencies. City Council has asked us to review the current ordinance and the Commission could ask for more instruction/direction on these types of situations so as to not set a precedence. Dennis mentioned that the City Council did grant the Habitat for Humanity’s Platinum Trio Subdivision was granted a waiver of their Parks In Lieu of fees in 2011.

Joey Martin made a motion to recommend to Council a 30% reduction in the In Lieu of Request fee along with setting new guidelines for non-profit agencies. Marc Lambert seconded the motion. Roll call motion was called. Motion passed with a 5-1 vote.

Item #7

Parks Dedication Ordinance Review – Staff and Commission

Dennis reviewed and covered the Parks Dedication Ordinance with the Commission. Dennis researched other communities, Post Falls, Sandpoint, Idaho Falls, Boise and Pocatello in regards to a dedication ordinance and covered his findings as follows:

Post Falls – they have no set formula in how much land should be dedicated, they look at each development and negotiate with each developer for land dedication if needed. They do look at their requirements of 16 acres per 1000 population – 6 acre acres and 10 passive acres. The Director said they look at the size of the development, what would be the population gain with the development and negotiate with the developer on size of land dedication if they believe it warranted it. Post Falls also have an impact fee on residential development.

Sandpoint – they only have impact fees, no park dedication requirement.

Idaho Falls – they only have impact fees, no park dedication requirement.

Boise - they only have impact fees, no park dedication requirement.

Pocatello – does not have impact fees or a park dedication requirement.

Dennis is still working on the per acre cost with some contractors and will have that figure my next Commission meeting. He is not asking for a Commission recommendation at this time.

Dennis also covered staff recommendations for the mini parks developers are donating to the City to maintain and reviewed the code in regards to these parks. Staff is recommending that these area's be classified as a Common Area Maintenance and the costs assessed to each individual lot owner in the subdivision pays for the maintenance of these strips through their water bill. Dennis asked the Commission if they wanted him to finish his research and make recommendations on all the items under review. The Commission instructed Dennis to complete his research and follow up with them at the next meeting.

Item #8

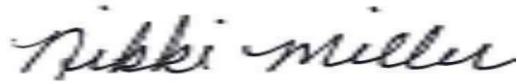
Other Items from Commission

The stairs on the east side of Dierkes Lake are completed, the new security firm at Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake has started earlier this month, Ribbon Cutting for the All Inclusive Playground at the 1st Federal Bank Park at Sunway Soccer Complex will be Thursday April 30th at 10am, fencing along the Pillar Falls trail section is completed, fencing along the Knievel trail section is about 90% completed, and other items that the Commission may have questions about or issues the Commission wants to discuss. Arbor Day will be the April 24th, 2015 at the Twin Falls Golf Club and we will be planting four trees. Dennis informed the Commission that the applications for his position were narrowed down to 38 applicants and telephone interviews will be in process.

Tennille inquired about the road that has not been developed out by the new First Federal Park and when it might get completed. She also asked if maybe if the road isn't going to be completed any time soon if there could be some type of trail that can be used for a cut through. Dennis said he would check into seeing if there is something that can be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm. Next meeting is May 12, 2015 at 11:30 am, located at the City Council Chambers at 305 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Nikki Miller

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki Miller". The letters are dark and fluid, with a prominent loop on the 'i' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'l'.

Administrative Assistant