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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

July 10, 2012* * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley, Craig Manning and Tom Reynolds.

Members Absent: Liyah Babayan, Jeff Blick and Carl Legg

Council Present: Shawn Barigar and Greg Lanting

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer, Mitch Humble and Stacy McClintock

Guests: Don Acheson with the Blue Lakes Rotary Club and Marcia Lanting

MINUTES

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:33 am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the June 12th and June 19th, 2012 meetings

Tennille Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12th and June 19th, 2012 meetings. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Stacy went over the recreation staff reports. Softball/baseball will be wrapping up on Saturday, July 14th. There have been a few complaints this year, but mainly concerning coach and parent issues. Adult men's softball will conclude their season on July 17th. There are still 2 major tournaments left this summer.

Our pre-school baseball program will start on July 14th and we have had to increase the session size to accommodate everyone that wants to participate. Tiny Tykes for 3 year olds is also full and will begin on Wednesday, July 11th. Adult Flag Football rosters are due on July 27th and the leagues will begin on August 14th. Registration for fall soccer is going on now through July 27th. The season will begin the week of September 3rd.

The next Movie in the Park is on Friday, July 27th at 9:30pm at the City Park Bandshell. We will be showing *Monsters, Inc.* The movie in June was a great success with over 150 people attending.

British Soccer will start on July 30th-August 3rd this year. We also have summer dance classes with Impulse Dance that started on July 9th and will run through July 18th. Intermediate tennis lessons will begin on July 17th-August 9th.

Dennis went over the parks staff report. All of the Capital Improvement projects at the pool have been completed. These included the re-piping of the boiler system, anti slip coating around the perimeter of the deck and the office floor coating. The gates at Auger Falls have been moved over one mile farther down the road. The Oregon Trail Youth Complex restroom should be open soon. There has been some tree pruning at Cascade Park and some of the restrooms in Harmon and South Park have been painted. Courtney Conservation Park is still being constructed and Dennis hopes it should be finished up by Labor Day weekend for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Item #3 Recreation Center Committee Update

The Recreation Center Committee and the Citizen Finance & Planning Committee met Friday, June 15th to prepare a final report for the City Council. The two committees felt they were not ready to develop and present a final report to Council.

In the meantime, The Boys and Girls Club board has shown some interest in partnering with the City on the development and management of a Recreation Center. Shawn Barigar, Mitch Humble and Dennis Bowyer attended the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors meeting on June 20th. Their Board moved and approved to explore a potential partnership with the City.

Staff presented to City Council on June 25th this potential partnership. City Council gave their approval for staff and a Council Liaison to start meeting with the Boys and Girls Club on this partnership. No meeting has been set at this time.

Item #4 Park Renaming Request

Don Acheson with the Blue Lakes Rotary Club is requesting that the City re-name South Estates Park to Blue Lakes Rotary Park. The Club has raised over \$60,000 so far to install two pieces of playground equipment at this park. The Club is continuing to plan for installation of a shelter, swing sets and 2 additional playground structures. Overall, the Club is estimating it will have invested close to \$150,000 in these facilities.

Don showed the Commission pictures of the playground installation on the overhead.

After some discussion from the Commission, Ryan Horsley made a motion to accept the request from the Blue Lakes Rotary Club to re-name South Estates Park to Blue Lakes Rotary Park. Tennille seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all those present voted in favor of the motion.

Item #5 Park Naming Request

Marcia Lanting is requesting that the new dog park be named after one of her dogs that recently passed away and in memory of her brother. She is requesting the name of the park be "Baxter's Park in memory of Dale Drown". She will be making a donation of \$10,000 to the Twin Falls Community Foundation if this request is granted.

Dennis informed the Commission that the City does not have any funds set aside in this budget or in next year's budget. Tony asked what the initial phase of constructing the dog park would be. Dennis doesn't have the exact numbers but with fencing, curb/gutter/sidewalk, restroom facilities, irrigation system, grass seeding and parking areas, the amount could exceed \$100,000. If we are looking at just the basics for the initial phase, the cost could be approximately \$40,000-\$45,000.

Mayor Greg Lanting informed the Commission that the curb, gutter and sidewalk would not have to be placed until a building permit is secured for a restroom. The water usage would come from a PI system so that expense could come from the water fund. He feels that \$40,000-\$45,000 is a good starting point for constructing the dog park.

Another point of discussion that was brought up was if the community garden was included in this naming request. Dennis stated that in the recommendation, we could leave the dog park and community garden separate. He also informed the Commission that approximately three acres was donated to the City on the north side of Filer Avenue West, west of Wendell St, East of Grandview. This could also be a potential site for a community garden.

Tony Brand made a motion to accept the request to name the designated acreage for the dog park, "Baxter's Park, in memory of Dale Drown". Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all those present voted in favor of the motion.

Item #6 Update on Projects & Recommendations

The Oregon Trail Youth Complex restroom could possibly be open in a week or two. The Ascension restroom is now open.

The boat rentals at Dierkes Lake are available Friday-Sunday.

The Parks in Lieu of recommendation was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and they approved it. This will go to Council on Monday, July 16th.

City Council has requested an annual report from the pool. They should be presenting to Council next week. Dennis will e-mail the annual report to the Commission. The YMCA withdrew their request for the fee increases.

Item #7 Other Items from the Commission

Nothing was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be August 14th, 2012 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.

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