

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**JULY 8, 2019**  
**PARKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY**

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Mason.

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
Sara Brainard		X
Chris Bornholdt		X
Michael Churchill		X
Mason Hohstadt	X	
Kevin Kelley	X	
Trudy Lowery	X	
Christi Savage	X	
Eric Villasenor		X

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Kevin stated the people were happy with the fireworks once they finally started. Mason also commented how well the fireworks were this year. Christi asked why the fireworks were on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tom stated that we don't have to compete with the bigger towns if we have a show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and some people enjoy that the night before a holiday.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE May 6<sup>th</sup> MEETING:** Christi moved to accept and approve the minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trudy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

**CITIZEN REQUEST TO NAME A SOFTBALL FIELD AFTER A RIFLE COACH:** Clint Hostettler would like the rename Taughenbaugh field to Skinner field. He felt that she brought softball to Rifle and coached for many years. There was mention that Sharon Pettinger was involved with Rifle girls softball many years back. Clint mentioned that Cindy Skinner was a counselor when he was in school. Kevin stated that past council didn't want to have City facilities named after people. Clint stated that he has already gone to council and they told him to come to the PRAB board. He hopes this could be passed in September, before the new council comes on board and before the softball season starts for High School. Kevin stated that someone wanted the RC park named after Frank Shaw but council didn't want City facilities named after individuals. Mason stated that he would like criteria for a policy on naming City facilities. Tom mentioned that there were request to recognize Misty Young and Derek Miles. He suggested maybe a dugout for a certain amount of time and possibly putting a plaque on a building, so that others could also be recognized and honored over time, those these were young players who had passed away. No decision was made, and Clint will start with a petition to get the name change. PRAB will do some research on drafting a policy.

**CITIZEN REQUEST TO MOVE SOFTBALL FIELD FENCES IN TO SOFTBALL DISTANCE:** Clint Hostettler would like the fences on Taughenbaugh field moved in to softball distance for ladies softball. He said the fence is out too far and the High School softball team has to put up a home run fence when their season starts. Tom stated that the parks department puts up a home run fence during the Lady Bears season and takes it down after the season for other sports to use the field. Clint stated that the fence that is put up for High School causes injury and doesn't move. Kevin stated that the fence put up is a breakaway fence specifically designed to give way when hit. The material is soft and moves. Clint stated

that Little League doesn't have the break fence when they have their season. Tom stated that Recreations athletic coordinator mentioned that Recreation baseball hits the ball over the fence that is there now. Tom stated that moving the fence in would take away from multi-use fields and would require lights, irrigation and warning tracks to be moved. It would be more than just moving a fence. The field is a multi-purpose public field that is used not only for softball but baseball and adult softball. Clint stated that Rifle has some of the best fields on the Western Slope. No decisions were made and PRAB will discuss further.

**UPDATE ON CURRENT POOL:** Tom let the board know that staff is waiting for a new hot water heater to be installed in the pool bath house. The old boiler failed, so there currently isn't any hot water for showers.

**UPDATE ON POOL RENOVATIONS:** Tom let the board know that the storyboards will be ready soon with all of the color schemes. There will be a coordination meeting for demo soon and the 1<sup>st</sup> pay requisition has been put in to finance. There was a change order for the helical pier installation to support the pools. The boilers have been ordered and will be in an insured, bonded warehouse until we need them.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.