

**RIFLE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES #6 2008**  
**MONDAY April 7, 2008**  
**RIFLE CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Weiss at 5:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Jim Boone	X	
Rich Carter	X	
Steve Carter	X	
Christy Gray	X	
Mark Lapka	X	
Tom Stuver	X	
Ed Weiss	X	
Mildred Whitt	X	

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Whitmore, Aleks Briedis, Linda Stilson, Jenn Reich, Angie Wilkins

**MINUTES OF THE March 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING:** Mark made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Christy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** No public present.

**SENIOR CENTER:** Mildred had nothing new to report. Aleks purchased a Wii and accessories. The wall has been prepared and ready for Stereo Unlimited to set up TV.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS & RECREATION EMPLOYEES:** Aleks introduced Jennifer Reich as the new Events Coordinator for the Recreation department and Angie Wilkins as the new Administrative Assistant for the Parks department.

**JUSTIN STONE-EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION:** In the Fall of 2006, Justin was approved for a project at the Senior Center in the amount of \$1,750. This project was for a flower bed. Justin was under budget with a total cost of \$1,140. He was able to be under budget by donated materials from Centennial Gardens and

Kuersten Concrete. He also received help from volunteers. A total of 200 hours were used to complete this project.

**PARKING ON ACACIA AVENUE:** Aleks will bring issue up to Council in next meeting. The request will be to allow 3 hour parking from the hours of 6a.m.-10p.m., with Chief addressing the issue. Concerns were made about field access with the parking. Tom addressed landscaping issues.

**CENTENNIAL PARK:** Aleks gave an update on architect progress with SGM and Design Concepts. Approval from Council to sign the DoLA grant agreement will be on April 16<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**ARBOR DAY:** Tom W. discussed past events with Arbor Day and planned activities for this year. There will be a presentation on April 16<sup>th</sup> to Council. There are activities planned for April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-12a.m. with tree trimming and a class in the Council Chambers.

**PARK FACILITY:** Tom W. gave update on Parks Facility. White Construction has been approved as the GM/GC for the project. This decision was made due to the time and budget that White Construction has put into the project. They are also the company building the new Justice Center. There are some issues with County Rd. access to the building, but a workshop has been planned with Council for future plans with the road.

**JAY RICKSTREW:** Jay had 4 main items of concern. Fee structure for Little League, vs Recreation Programs. There was also a concern for Unorganized vs Organized and fee schedules for those programs. Jay asked for a long term solution for all programs. Aleks recommended a Cost Analysis with GreenPlay LLC. No decision was made about this cost analysis at this time. Another concern was the decline of participant numbers in Recreation Programs. Board members noted that this is a trend throughout all sports and activities in Rifle. There was concern on advertisement and fees. The final concern that Jay had was locks on the baseball fields. Tom W. informed that Graham is always available for public use if it is not being used. Some issues addressed were cost of pitching mounds and damage that may incur from unsupervised use.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**OTHER:** Aleks gave an update on GOCO grant. The grant for Deerfield landscaping in the amount of \$66,000 looks good. There are still problems with scheduling events with the school district. Tom W. informed the board that the Forest Service will be having a controlled burn in Rifle Mountain Park, the date is unknown at this time.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 7:00 p.m.