

RIFLE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2008
MONDAY April 28, 2008
RIFLE CITY HALL

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

	YES	NO
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: Aleks Breidis, Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins

MINUTES OF THE April 7th MEETING: Mark made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of April 7th meeting. Rich Carter 2nd the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No public present.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: Mildred presented a letter to Aleks that Marie sent to Justin Stone regarding the flower bed. On May 5th Jenn will be doing training for the WII for Senior wellness and on May 15th for the general public. Ed asked if there were activities for the Seniors on the bus. Dinners in the valley are scheduled. Mark asked if the bus would take the Seniors to the Farmers Market, and inquired about the Concerts in the Park held in Glenwood Springs on Wednesdays. Aleks informed the board that the Traveler could take the Seniors to the Farmers Market. Mildred wasn't sure on the numbers they would have in attendance.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: Aleks gave update on the park. The City is still waiting on the consultants, however the rough grade of the site has been sent to SGM.

The soils report is complete and the DOLA contract was approved by Council. The City acquired the property North of the Great Bowl for \$50,000 from the Montgomery's.

POOL UPDATE; Aleks gave update on the pool. Water lines and sewer lines needed replaced, the City already had a bid for the water lines. PXI is doing both. Water lines are almost complete. We will now have separate lines for the bathhouse. Sewer will start later this week. The \$12,000 for the water lines and \$10,000 for the sewer will come from the \$100,000 contingency fund for the pool. There is also an issue with the painting that was done last year, it was under warranty so we should get the paint at no cost to re-do it. The painting on the bathhouse will be postponed to the Fall as well as replacing the restroom stalls. Tom W. informed the board that the signs had been installed for the NO PARKING OF FOR SALE VEHICLES. The construction signs for the pool will be placed at Wells Fargo and Jeans Printing re-directing traffic access to the pool. Jim had a concern with the planters, Tom W. informed the board that they will be removed, and will check into a pedestrian crossing sign.

LEARN TO SWIM REGISTRATIONS: Aleks informed the board that on the 1st day of registration, \$10,000 was made, with half of the classes already full. Christy had a question about a new pool. Aleks talked about the Wellness center and having an indoor pool with an outdoor patio. Ed had a concern with payment for the pool admissions. Aleks is trying to get the membership cards to be used again this year and possibly putting merchandise on the cards.

ROAN FIELD UPDATE: Tom W. informed the board that it is complete and the lights are now working. There are work orders coming together for Aleks for the grant. If the grant is approved it will be for \$200,000 with the field being \$30-40,000 under budget. Because of the damage done to one of the dugout buildings during caisson installation, the company waived part of their charges to replace the dugout. The new field is being used and people like the bleachers. We will be installing the GOCO signs soon.

PARK MAINTENANCE UPDATE: Tom W. discussed the problems with setbacks and driveway permits. There will be a workshop with council on the 7th to discuss annexation of the southern end of County Road 296. Steve recommended that the road be divided with half to the city and half to the county. A Phase II Environmental Assessment is being conducted in the near future.

KEEPING FIELDS UNLOCKED: Aleks informed the board that Graham Field is always left unlocked with Cooper and Roan remaining locked to prevent over-use. Jim suggested signs on the fields explaining closures. There is still the concern of people just dropping in and using the fields and how they might use them. Aleks let the board know that if the field is unlocked and not in use, someone may use it. Tom W. informed the board that if there was not reservation, there was the no guarantee of field prep or safety issues. The other concern was with the open fields being used as dog runs.

FACILITY FEES: The board decided that the field use fees were reasonable and should not be changed.

MAY 26TH MEETING?: Tom S. made a motion to cancel May 26th meeting and Steve 2nd the motion.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2008.

OTHER: Ed wanted to discuss the concerns that Jay Rickstrew had regarding the field usage fees. The overall board consensus was that the fee schedule is fair and no changes should be made. Tom W. informed that board the Parks Department is down two employees, and gave an update on the move to the old Valley Lumber site. Mark inquired about doing strategic planning. Aleks will be bringing schedules to the next meeting. Aleks also gave an update on the programs with all of them having sponsors. He also gave an update on the conference he attended. He got some good ideas for the new Recreation center. Jim had a concern with the playground surface getting torn up and would like to get security cameras. Tom W. discussed the issue with security lights.

Meeting was adjourned by chairman Weiss at 7:20 p.m.