

**RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**ZOOM**  
**January 11, 2021**

<u><b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b></u>	<u><b>YES</b></u>	<u><b>NO</b></u>
Chris Bornholdt	X	
Sara Brainard	X	
Michael Churchill		X
Aaron Cumming	X	
Kevin Kelley	X	
Trudy Lowery	X	
Annie Macgregor	X	
Christi Savage-Alternate Member		X

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Bornholdt at 5:32 pm.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Whitmore, Austin Rickstrew

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Kevin stated that he had heard a number of compliments on the holiday lighting at the roundabouts and at Centennial Park. Kevin also commented about “when are we going to have a food meeting?”

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** Trudy moved to approve the minutes of the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Aaron seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Welcome of 2 newly appointed Board members, Aaron Cumming and Annie MacGregor:**

Chris welcomed Aaron and Annie to the board and thanked them for their interest and their commitment to serve on the board.

**Board Terms:** Tom briefly reviewed board member terms

**PRAB Meeting Calendar:** We briefly discussed the meeting calendar-- that we meet as needed--and some meetings are canceled, and also that there may be an occasion to conduct a special meeting. The board approved the meeting calendar. *(I didn't note who made the motion and seconded this. Does anyone recall?)*

**Pool Survey Monkey Results:** Austin went over the results of the pool survey for the first season.

**Parks Volunteer Program:** Tom stated that we are initiating a parks volunteer program. A part-time employee, Kathleen Trappen, has offered to be a volunteer coordinator. We plan to start small and grow over time.

**Civic Rec Registration Changeover:** Austin updated the board regarding benefits of the changeover. Staff believes that this will be significantly easier for customers and will help with communications with citizens, and staff, and the cost to use CivicRec is less than our previous system.

**Recreation Program Updates:** Austin covered our efforts to get back into school facilities. We were involved in a meeting with Re-2 to work out details but, being in the orange level in Garfield County, we could not go ahead with programs because our classification was not included in the CHSAA variance.

**Veterans Memorial and Promontory Park Playground-Master Plan update:** Tom let the Board know that we have started looking into advancing with completing the Veterans memorial. We have received

a proposal letter for master planning Promontory Park. We would like go through the master planning process so we will have buy-in and will have a good plan before locating a playground, which will precede other amenities.

**2021 Parks and Recreation Budget:** PRAB members received copies of the budget. Members can review the budget and ask questions at future meeting.

Tom mentioned that the new **fence at Palomino Park** had already been driven through. There was a vehicle accident and there is a chance that insurance may cover that repair.

**The next meeting will be Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**OTHER:** Chairman Chris and others echoed that Austin is doing a great job and they've seen and felt the difference.

Tom and Chris discussed why not to use "reply all" on replying to Tom on meetings, etc. Once we "reply all" by open meeting rules, we have started a public meeting. So please just reply directly to the sender, even if it came out as a group email.

Tom also went over his discussion with Garco public health officials regarding which way they thought we were heading on the dial, which seemed to be more toward red than yellow.

Tom explained the fund balance situation and Council "repatriating" \$1 million back to other funds after the pool was completed. The pool project was funded by various sources of funds, so revenue generated by the Parks and Rec sales tax wasn't moved, it was funds from other sources, such as the capital fund and the sanitation fund.

Chairman Chris adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.