



**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES # 7, 2006
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006
RIFLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

The meeting was moved to the Council Chamber to facilitate the little league teams members.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Steve Carter called the meeting to order at 5:40p.m. in the Council Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly Bina	6:16	Jim Boone	x	Rich Carter	absent
Steve Carter	x	Mark Lapka	absent	Betsy Rice	x
Ed Weiss	absent	Mildred Whitt	x		

Staff Present: Aleks Briedis; Rec. Director, Tom Whitmore; Parks Director.

MINUTES: Tom mentioned grammatical errors that he corrected. Moved by Jim Boone and seconded by Mildred Whitt to accept minutes.

ACT VOTER:	Yes	No	Abstain
Kelly Bina	x		
Jim Boone	x		
absent Rich Carter			
Steve Carter	x		
absent Mark Lapka			
Betsy Rice	x		
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Mildred Whitt	x		

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

None:

LITTLE LEAGUE REQUEST:

Larry Pettinger and Clint Bartels stated were the represented little league interests for not having to pay for lights and or field usage.

Larry commented that the city was wasting lights at basketball and tennis courts. Larry stated that we should charge for fields and not lights only. Games and practices. Games are 6 innings on M @ W usually 2-3 hours per game. Lights are used for 1½ hours to 2





hours etc. Usually 2 hours. Total hours of light time about 8 hours per week. Season goes through May 24th. Tournament starts after the 24th.

Jim Boone stated that he didn't see why the group was being charged. He feels that is wrong to charge so much and that there is no way he could see anyone paying that much. He can't believe anybody would charge that much.

Mr. Boone received a rousing round of applause when he stated that these people were being double taxed.

Tom explained the actual lighting costs. These costs are related to a demand charge of 12.57 per kilowatt for the highest demand during the billing period. Our demand cost for each billing cycle are about \$1571.00 minimum. Beyond that, we pay a nominal fee per kilowatt. Our bills will probably run between \$1,600 and \$2,000 per month. Jim asked if the discussion to charge for use of the field was before or after the sales tax. Tom stated that the discussion was prior to the sales tax passing. Related discussion continued.

Chairman Carter asked for other comments. Brent Buss commented on agreeing to cover costs etc. \$50.00 rec. fee, flat fee per kid. Mr. Buss stated that he prefers a flat fee. They understand the need for paying for outside program.

Lori Schmeuser stated that we shouldn't have to pay for lights. This is Rifle, not Grand Junction. Clint stated that parents could be trained and help with facility maintenance.

Jim Boone said he had a problem with asking the community for support and then you turn around and kick them. Mildred stated that she thought that users should have to pay a little to use the field. Betsy Rice suggested a fund raiser to help. Steve said he and Mr. Boone agreed but he wouldn't say the fees were outrageous, he expects that this is what it costs.

Betsy agrees that we need to charge a field fee but we should subsidize this initially. This is new and we are taking time to get acquainted with these issues.

Kelly Bina agreed and stated that she believed in doing anything for kids and we should make a concession to accommodate kids and that they should pay some general fee.

Moved by Jim Boone and seconded by Betsy Rice to recommend to council to charge a flat fee of \$100.00 total (\$50.00 per team) for the two teams to finish out this season.





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CENTRAL BUSINESS: Matt Sturgeon, planning director, brought forth the idea of a central entertainment district, including a rec. center, on some property near the downtown area adjacent to the I-70 off ramp. The board may want to start looking into appropriating funds for a feasibility study to begin looking into the rec. center concept. Jim Boone asked about the proximity to the railroad. The designers addressed this by proposing a depot feature for future railroad usage. Aleks asked about getting board approval for spending the \$'s for this, perhaps up to \$35,000. Steve Carter stated that we meet often enough that we could bring this up at that time. Tom asked about the window for the study. Matt stated that a land deal is underway and if all goes well, we would need to move relatively quickly.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Tough to schedule but we settled on July 15th possibly at Rifle Mountain Park.

POOL EVALUATION:

Reavely and Associates said that the pool will be able to open but there are several things that we should act on soon. Sand filters should be replaced with a series of modern filters and the lint and hair filter should be replaced. Also, we have no surge tank. We need a surge tank if we keep operating. The toddler pool should be operated on it's own circulation system. It is currently on the same circulating system as the big pool. The pool should be sandblasted prior to painting. Some of the paint was delaminating from the concrete. Steve suggested recommending that the pool painting and the filter work be authorized and done ASAP.

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PLAYGROUNDS:

Playground construction is moving along at Deerfield. Betsy said she had received questions about netting. We will be placing a net around the playground at Deerfield. One structure at Davidson has been backordered. We are looking into a substitute etc.

PARK SIGNAGE:

We looked at slides of signs. Steve asked if we could save the old Davidson sign to return to the Eagle Scout that made it. We looked at the sign mock-ups. Steve suggested getting the wording together. Betsy moved and Kelly seconded to go ahead with the sign order and work on the wording in the meanwhile.

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OTHER:

The scoreboard ad panel deadline is tomorrow. What do we want to do if we have no sponsor? Steve suggested a park and rec. logo. to hold the space until we have a sponsor. The consensus was to go ahead as suggested.

SWIM TEAM:

We had two candidates but they both dropped out. Aleks requested approval of up to \$1,000 to cover fees for indoor swim practice at Battlement Mesa. The board discussed whether to set a minimum # of participants before we pay pool fees: maybe 10 people? After lengthy discussion, the motion was made by Jim Boone and seconded by Kelly Bina to charge \$25 per person for a minimum of 10 regularly participating kids the pool will be made available from Monday to Thursday from 6-8:00a.m.

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Kelly Bina questions on swim sign-up

Jim Boone had questions on free passes for board members and families. Jim and Kelly were not present at the meeting when we discussed and voted down the issue of free passes. Jim asked if we could revisit the issue at a future meeting.

Chairman Steve Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Whitmore
Acting Secretary

