



**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES # 11, 2006
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006
RIFLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Steve Carter at 5:37 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT, ROLL CALL:

ACT VOTER:	Yes	No	Abstain
Kelly Bina		X	excused
Jim Boone	X		
Rich Carter	X		
Steve Carter	X		
Mark Lapka		X	excused
Betsy Rice	X		
Ed Weiss	X		
Mildred Whitt	X		
RESULT:	6	2	

Kelly Bina	Excused	Jim Boone	5:20	Rich Carter	5:20
Steve Carter	5:20	Mark Lapka	Excused	Betsy Rice	5:20
Ed Weiss	5:20	Mildred Whitt	5:20		

Staff Present: Aleks Briedis; Rec Director, Stephanie Samson, Secretary.





MINUTES OF THE June 12th MEETING:

Minutes were unanimously approved by board.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: Alan Lambert: Proposed gravel pit by airport to the main entry way in Rifle to be built or not. He has plans to show us here and wants our opinion and vote for the gravel pit. There are issues for the chance of a flood. If we have a flood, the course of the river will change and this will be a concern. The location of the gravel pit will not be in the city limits. The location is privately owned. Jim Boone suggested that the private owner sell it to the city, but Alan Lambert said that the City probably would not be able to afford it because it is very expensive and will not get any cheaper as the years pass. Ed Weiss said that the location could possibly be used for parks, but it will still be in a flood zone. Alan pointed out the fact that the land is his own land and he can do what he wants with it, but then again there are regulations from the city. Is there a compromise? If the gravel pit is built, it will be maintained well and then in the future, the private owner may give it to the city so the city can build parks with trails. Steve Carter said that it all comes down to the politics of it all. There are three county commissioners and two would vote yes for the gravel pit, but Alan Lambert doesn't know which way the other county commissioner will choose. The gravel pit is not a plan trying to restrict commerce, but could change course of river which in turn changes the intake. Ed Weiss said that the gravel pit would look like wasteland just like it looks like from the south side of 6&24. Steve Carter criticized how ugly parts of Rifle are, including the unpaved roads that just kick up dust all over the place. Alan Lambert will test the water quality that will need to be addressed. Most of the gravel will go to the Oil & Gas companies. The only leverage to the whole thing is the court and public opinion. Rich Carter moves to make resolution/recommendation: county commissioners deny/turn down because of what visitors will think of area. To turn this down completely will have the most impact.

The board finally concluded: Be it resolved that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board opposes the pending Special Use Permit application for the United Companies (Scott Pit) and urges the Board of County Commissioners to deny it because:

1. There are insufficient safeguards to assure responsible reclamation of the property after the work has been completed.
2. The lack of visual screening will very substantially impact the view of Rifle's main entrance from I-70.
3. The gravel pit may well endanger the City water intake facilities.
4. The impacts upon wildlife will be substantial.





5. The application does not address the need for conserving quality gravel resources for future development.

Rich Carter makes motion and Ed seconds

Jim Boone	Yes
Rich Carter	Yes
Steve Carter	Yes
Betsy Rice	Yes
Ed Weiss	Yes
Mildred Whitt	Yes

Also, Jim Boone said that we have to look at the future generations and what we are leaving them. Alan Lambert will send a copy/letter to the editor to Citizen Telegram, The Post Independent, The Daily Sentinel, Aspen Daily, County Commissioners, Rifle Parks and Recreation Board informing the community.

PROJECT UPDATES: All playgrounds are open. Tom Whitmore has ordered the steel for the netting at Deerfield, and we should receive that soon. Steve Carter was wondering if we have been tracking the usage of the playgrounds. Betsy Rice says that Deerfield is a favorite among many people in the community.

The large picnic shelter at Davidson is complete. The concrete is laid and shelter is finished, but there is caution tape around. Jim Boone was curious if we allotted money for picnic tables for the shelters, and Tom has ordered tables. Old grills will be removed and new ones installed.

Action Park is coming along great. Concrete is being laid already. Betsy Rice said she saw a few kids last night playing on the park, but not violating it in any way.

The parking lot at Deerfield is coming along great.

Ed Weiss wondered if we will have trails or not. R. Carter wanted to know if we will have sidewalks at Deerfield. We would like to have sidewalks there, but as of now, they are not in the plans.

PARK SIGNAGE: Signs have been ordered and we should see them soon. Aleks is working on getting quotes for sidewalks at parks.

STRATEGIC PLANNING – JULY 15TH The advisory board has been given homework for the meeting. Parks has joined with Recreation. The board needs to get back with Aleks by the tenth with their thoughts for both the beliefs and the mission statement. The meeting is on June 15th at 9:00 am at the Base Camp.



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YOUTHZONE REQUEST: Aleks got a request from Kiss and Squeal for 20 punch passes for a silent auction. The pass would be used for this year's summer. However, If Kiss and Squeal is in the middle of August, would the pass carry over to next year? What's the difference giving passes and donating money? Ed Weiss will donate one punch pass to the Kiss and Squeal silent auction for a value of \$75.

RELAY FOR LIFE: The team has already raised \$1500. The team consists of all lifeguards/summer staff. The team will wear their staff shirts. The City is better at making and going forth with these sort of money related decisions. No motion to be made concerning this.

NEXT MEETING: July 10TH

OTHER: Recreation has moved into their new office. Jim Boone said he saw that many cities have outdoor city-owned water parks that are very impressive. Jim was blown away by what they offered. The prices are so cheap, and are in great condition. The pool is going great. The numbers at the pool are higher than last year. The only problem at the pool is that it takes so long to close out. Aleks Briedis is getting quotes on getting new filters for the pool. Aleks has the new internet security camera installed that will be directed toward Action Park. Jim Boone suggested that we put signs saying that this area is being monitored to warn those who use the skate park.

Mountain Park: Part of the mountain is cracked and rock will be falling down soon. Climbing magazine wants to put foot bridges on the creek for the community. They want to be more involved, and they want to do this for us. Parks has found a part-time camp host for Rifle Mountain Park.

Ed Weiss motions to adjourn.

ADJOURN:

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Samson

Secretary

