



**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES # 12, 2006
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2006
RIFLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Steve Carter.

MEMBERS PRESENT, ROLL CALL:

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

RESULT:

Kelly Bina	5:25	Jim Boone	5:32	Rich Carter	5:20
Steve Carter	5:25	Mark Lapka	Excused	Betsy Rice	5:25
Ed Weiss	Excused	Mildred Whitt	5:20		

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





MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26th MEETING:

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

RESULT:

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: None

PROJECT UPDATE: Deerfield parking lot has been completed. The playgrounds are up and going and the shelters at Davidson are in progress. We expected the arches for the signs 2 weeks ago, but haven't received them, we expect them this week. Once they are delivered, we will install them as soon as possible. The steel has come in for the netting at Deerfield Park. The steel still needs to have loops welded to it and to be primed and painted. Tom stated that he and Aleks didn't like the situation with the loose rubber underneath the "climber" at Deerfield Playground. It is a mess. We need to have rubber surfacing installed as on the rest of the playground. This will be a cleaner and safer environment. The Board agreed that we should go ahead with this.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Strategic planning for the Board will be on Saturday, July 15th at Base Camp Cafe. Homework needs to be turned in, so we can go over all the ideas at the strategic planning meeting.

MAINTENANCE OF THE NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: Steve Carter commented on our playgrounds and how many people use it. He also was impressed by the actions people are expressing when people clean up trash around the park. He is





concerned about the left over rubber. The end poles on the teeter-totter are supposed to move back and forth. Jim Boone said that the kids enjoy it, but he has seen kids who have had broken arms from playing on it. The playground is designed for 5-12 year old kids. Steve Carter said there is already graffiti on the picnic tables at Davidson. Tom said that he is looking at getting more staff for maintaining our parks, fields and facilities.

Pool: The circulation pump in the splash pool is failing, so we will need to replace that. The pump will be about \$1,500 and the filter is inexpensive. The vacuum cleaner is working great! The vacuum cost about \$5,000. The pool operation is going well. We have hit maximum twice this summer. Aleks is looking at changing the fee structure for next summer when budget time arises.

DOG CONTROL IN PARKS: Steve Carter wondered why dogs are allowed to wander in the parks. Dogs are not allowed in parks. The signs will state this. Jim Boone said we should build a dog park, but he doesn't know where we would put that. The board thinks that Tom and Aleks should look into putting a dog park in Rifle, so we can control the dogs in the parks. Aleks and Tom had been thinking about this issue and have some preliminary ideas.

NEXT MEETING—JULY 24TH

OTHER: Signing the letter to the editor. City Council passed a resolution about the gravel pit.

ADJOURN: Chairman Steve Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Samson

Secretary

