

RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY MARCH 8, 2010

PARKS FACILITY BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT:	YES	NO
Jim Boone	X	
Chris Coffelt	X	
Christi Gray		X
Mark Lapka	X	
Ryan Mackley		X
Justin Sims		X
Tom Stuver	X	
Ed Weiss	X	

STAFF PRESENT: Aleks Briedis, Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8TH MEETING: Tom S. made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the February 8th meeting. Chris 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote. Mark wanted to know what decision had been made regarding absence and voting on minutes. Aleks stated that in a past meeting the board had decided that voting was allowed on minutes regardless of attendance. There had been too much of a delay of voting for minute approval because of habitual absences of board members.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: Since our board currently does not have a representative from the Senior Center, Marie has found an individual to represent. Betty Fitzgibbons application is included in the packet. A discussion with the legal department suggested that Betty be a liaison for the Senior Center as a member of the public audience and not as a member of the board until an opening comes up. Marie is having problems with the sound system and is having someone look at it and will get the bill to Aleks.

DEERFIELD COMPLETION PLAN: City Council approved Design Concepts proposal. Since the proposal was under budget, we are currently negotiating with them on expanding the scope. A contract with expanded scope will be brought to the Council's March 17th meeting.

Ed wanted to know if there was a Deerfield Completion Plan committee. Aleks let the board know that it was strictly Design Concepts and the board opinion. From there decisions were presented to the Council. Ed also wanted to know if the funding was through GOCO and if they could limit grants. Aleks stated that the funding was through GOCO and that they did not limit grants. Mark wanted to know what would be included in this plan. Tom W. went over the design that had previously been discussed in a prior meeting. Jim wanted to know if Frisbee golf would be included in the plan. Again, Aleks stated that there was a prospect of an organization getting a course by CMC. Tom S. stated that there were concerns with citizens and a dog park with the wildlife in the area. Ed wanted to know if the commitment from the School District was strictly for the baseball field. Tom W. stated that they were only interested in the baseball field.

TRAIL 16-13: Johnson Construction was awarded the bid. We are still working on a few easements, but construction will start soon. The bid was lower so there will be a savings. Johnson Construction has started at the corner of 16th and Whiteriver. Ed wanted to know what the completion date was going to be. Aleks stated that there was a 75 day completion clause in the contract. Tom S. wanted to know what type of surface was going to be used. Aleks let the board know that the surface was going to be concrete. Tom S. wanted to know if all trails would be concrete. Aleks stated that most would be depending on cost.

CENTENNIAL PARK: Construction continues, but is slow due to weather. The dam is complete and the pump house is framed. Chris wanted to know the completion date. Aleks let the board know that a completion date of August was planned.

PARKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY DEDICATION: The dedication of the Parks Maintenance Facility is scheduled for May 10th; the ceremony would start at 2:00 p.m. and possibly followed with an open house for the public.

RIFLE REVELRY/SEPTEMBER 25TH: A large festival of accomplishments in the City is planned for September 25th. We plan on having a dedication for Centennial Park during this time.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES BROCHURE: The brochure is at the printer and will be mailed to Rifle residents in the next couple of weeks. Tom S. wanted to know if there was going to be a Spring Clean-Up this year. Tom W. stated that is scheduled for the last of April and that his Grounds and Facilities staff member is helping with organizing.

POOL OPERATING DATES: The Pool will be opening June 1st and closing August 15th for the 2010 season. We will save employee costs by opening after Memorial Day and closing once school begins. Water aerobic classes will be held in the mornings following the same schedule as swim lessons. Chris had concerns with school being out on the 26th and the pool not being open. Mark also had concerns that the pool would not be open when school

was let out. He thought that letters could be sent out to employees to see who would be available to work that weekend. Aleks stated that lifeguards would still be training and getting recertified that week and that there would be considerable savings not having to pay employees for holiday pay. He also stated that the revenue brought in does not cover costs to stay open once school starts. Ed wanted Aleks to look at possibilities and get back to the board. Ed also wanted to know if there were any problems with the pool. Aleks let the board know that they would not know of problems until everything was turned on and fired up. He also let the board know that in February the sewer backed up into the surge pit. There will be a new shade structure put up as well as a new swamp cooler installed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 29th.

OTHER: Aleks gave the board information on the sandblasting artwork to look over.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:30 p.m.