

RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY APRIL 12, 2010

PARKS MAINTENANCE 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
Betty Fitzgibbon	X	

STAFF PRESENT: Aleks Briedis, Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8TH MEETING: Christi made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the March 8th meeting. Jim 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: Justin Sims may be leaving the board. If this does happen, staff will request that Betty Fitzgibbon be appointed to the board. Aleks let the board know that the sound system is down and the City is buying new equipment. Betty wanted to know if the bus could take grandparents to grandchildren's functions at the schools. Aleks stated that if enough people signed up, that would be a new activity for the seniors.

DEERFIELD COMPLETION PLAN: Design Concepts has started working on the plan. Staff received an extension from GOCO to have the plan completed by August 31. We hope to get through 100% design development plans by this date and then possibly ask for another extension to get through Construction Documents. Design Concepts may have a presentation at the April 26th meeting. Aleks is giving monthly reports to GOCO.

TRAIL 16-13 UPDATE: Construction continues and is speeding up. Grading is taking place at the Great Bowl and water lines are being tested. The work around the Dam is almost complete. They are laying out Central Plaza and getting electrical to the Pump House. Tom S. wanted to know if there were any complaints regarding the construction process. Aleks stated that there had not been any complaints.

PARKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY DEDICATION/MAY 10TH: The dedication will take place at 2:00 pm with the Mayor speaking and a possible open house continuing into that evening. Chris asked if there was a PRAB meeting scheduled for that night. Tom W. stated that there was a meeting scheduled.

WEST FEST: Michael Martin Murphey's West fest will be coming to Garfield County Fairgrounds August 13-15. This may become a very large event. City and County staff met with the promoter and the biggest part needing assistance is the law enforcement, traffic and trash. Tom S. wanted to know if there would be camping. Aleks said that there would not be camping, and encouraging to use local hotels. Christi wanted to know if it would be like Country Jam. Aleks stated that it would be more like the Rendezvous. Tom S. wanted to know if there would be a Rendezvous this year. Aleks let the board know that he hadn't heard anything yet.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Financial statements ending January are included in the packet. Aleks commented that departments are watching expenses and seeing where else they could cut budget. Parks and Recreation are still doing better than other departments but revenue is still down 3% since January. Christi wanted to know if sponsorships are down with the economy. Aleks said it is about the same as usual with the higher sponsorships not being filled as quickly.

POOL OPENING CLOSING DATES: The board requested that staff come back with cost savings for opening after Memorial Day and closing when school started back up. A breakdown is included in the packet. Tom S wanted to know how many days were included in this budget. Aleks stated that the difference was 105 to 84. Christi wanted to know if a compromise could be made and possibly keeping it open on more weekends. Chris suggested that the pool close earlier. Jim wanted to know what exactly needed to be done to get this resolved. Aleks said that a recommendation needed to be made by the board. He stated that all departments have been asked to cut budgets and this one area that could have cuts made. Chris wanted to know if the community could be involved in the decision. Mark stated that the City got the penny sales tax from the community and didn't think it was right to close the pool. Chris commented that he would like to see the pool open on the 29th. Tom S. stated that the board should wait on the revenue update so see about closing before Labor Day but also wanted the pool open as soon as school got out. Tom S. made a motion for the pool to be open when school lets out dependant on staff availability and Council recommendation and possible shorter hours. Christi 2nd the vote. Vote passed with a voice vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26th.

OTHER: Jim had concerns with the location of the Frisbee Golf Course being up at CMC. He thought it was too far for kids to get there and would like a location in town. He checked the cost and it would be about \$5,000 for all of the baskets. Tom S. agreed that the location should be more accessible and if it were at CMC only a few people would be using it. Chris wanted to know if there was any land available.

Aleks stated that the only space he could think of was the rest area. Jim thought that was still too far for kids to get to and the highway would be dangerous. Mark wanted to know if the land for Promontory Park was still available. Aleks stated that nothing has been done with that property. Christi wanted to let the board know that the Catholic Church was putting up a memorial bench for the victims of the July 3 shooting. Chris wanted to know about the landscape at the Veteran's Memorial. Tom W. stated that the City would be helping with that and it would be part of the Deerfield Completion Plan. Betty wanted the board to know that several seniors wanted the WWII exercise program. Aleks stated that he would get it and take it up to the senior center. Christi wanted everyone to know that there is a new screen at the theater. Tom W. stated that one of his crews installed it and also put up new exit signs. He also let the board know that the welder is working on the broken sculpture at the roundabout.

Meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Chris Coffelt at 6:45 p.m.