

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Mead Community Center Room
441 3rd Street, Mead, CO 80542

In attendance: Chairman Chuck Gehringer, Troy Campbell, and Marry Macomber.

Also in attendance were Richard Macomber, Mayor, Dan Dean, Town Manager, and Brad Goetz.

The meeting could not be convened because a quorum was not present.

Dan gave an update on the status of the proposal for the Liberty Ranch Park. Dan updated the committee on the status of Liberty Ranch Park. The owner of the subdivision had discussed with the Town Board vacating 126 lots and giving approximately 25 acres to the Town for either park space or open space. The Board was receptive to the idea and the owner will make an application to the Town to do so. The use of the 25 acres can be programmed through the master planning process.

Dan gave a brief update on recreation programs for the summer. Liz and Tess Daily are working on the summer programming. Janet will be putting together a schedule of summer activities for families, adults and youth. We anticipate having some of the same activities as last summer such as: music in the park; a volleyball tournament; tennis lessons; gymnastics; and a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The committee suggested that we either have lights for the music-in-the-park event or have it ending earlier in the evening before it gets too dark.

Easter egg hunt action items:

- The committee will stuff the eggs at the April 20th meeting.
- Interact (HS Rotary club) has volunteered to help fill the eggs and assist the committee on Saturday morning distributing the eggs.
- Dan is to have Dan Dennison bring the plastic eggs to Town Hall and confirm how many we have.
- Confirm that the Town has enough garbage bags or purchase more bags.
- Mary and Richard Macomber are responsible for getting the candy.

The Town will hold an Arbor Day celebration on April 16th. Chuck will coordinate activities with Dan Dennison. The event needs to be advertised in the newsletter.

The date for the fishing derby was set for June 4, 2011. Last year the schools held a cleanup day that conflicted with the fishing derby. The schools need to be contacted to see if we cannot hold both activities on the same day.

The committee was advised that the previously announce bike race was proceeding and that volunteers are needed for the event.

Brad Goetz, Town Park Planner, had met with Blake Carlson regarding redesigning the Liberty Ranch Park. Brad and Blake had discussed a number of options. Blake is interested in reducing the number of residential lots by approximately 100. The lots he is looking at are along the eastern portion of the property, adjacent to 3rd Street. He would do so if the Town would accept it for future park and/or open space. One of his thoughts is that this could become a regional park.

The next meeting will be April 20, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan J. Dean

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