

NOTES BY BRUCE FICKEL RELATIVE TO THE JULY 27, 2016 MEETING OF THE
BERTHOUD COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY COMMITTEE

Kelsey Roberts attended the meeting of the Berthoud Board of Trustees on July 26, 2016. In attendance as guests at that meeting were representatives of the R2J Board of Education. Dr. Stan Scheer, the superintendent for the Thompson R2J School District, and Dr. Dan Maas, Chief Operations Officer for Thompson R2J School District spoke. Dr. Scheer indicated that there was \$13 million set aside for a swimming pool and fieldhouse for Berthoud, but all discussions up to this point with the R2J Board have centered around having the pool located at the High School. Because the pool does have to be on R2J real estate, the Town Board asked if the R2J Board would consider whether or not it could be moved to a location at Turner Middle School. The pool would be designed somewhat after the Mountainview High School pool without as much seating space. There was also discussion about reinstating a swimming competency requirement for graduation.

During general committee discussion it was emphasized that we do not need to wait for a facility before we begin programs. Some of the programs and ideas which were identified were: a splash park could be turned into an ice skating rink; access to basketball and volleyball courts is very limited; a café for health food; a zero-entry pool; and, activities such as dancing, weight lifting, gymnastics, martial arts, a rock climbing wall, covered picnic area, daycare facilities, yoga, Pilates, and silver sneaker classes. Some of these programs could and should be implemented by the recreation department. There was discussion about having a sailing lake, which could either be Loveland Lake or Berthoud Town Lake, or both.

In order to share the facility with other entities it was felt that consideration should be given to having a dividing wall in the large room. There was also discussion about adding a party room where activities could be conducted, large locker rooms and family locker rooms.

The next regular meeting of this committee will be on August 10, 2016 at 3:00 when we will tour the Erie and Windsor recreation facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Bruce Fickel, Secretary