



## **City of Gunnison Parks Department 2016 Six Month Report**

Over the past six months the Parks crew has focused on the startup, shutdown, and maintenance of the Jorgensen Event Center and Cranor hill. We also have worked on snow removal, set and maintained the cross country ski track, and fixed broken summer equipment.

The Ice Rink functioned very well this year with our new facilities manager Andy Eflin. The preparation for the season, use, and then finally the shutdown were all seamless due to the fact that the Parks and Rink staff worked collaboratively and produced a great skate-hockey season for the public.

The Parks crew has just recently painted soccer fields, built lacrosse goals, started opening up restrooms, and a lot of spring cleaning.

The parks crew is also fixing things in the Pool and Community Center from time to time. (Water slide, faucets, toilets, leaking pipes, painting, fixing drywall, lights, etc.) Alternative sentencing people have been very beneficial to the City this season. They cleaned up the parks, painted, stained, removed snow, swept sidewalks, picked rocks, etc. under the supervision of the Parks crew. They are tremendously valuable and the service is and always has been free. Annually, they spend several hundred hours fixing, cleaning and bettering the City!

The Parks crew is looking forward to the summer and is currently preparing for the installation of three new restrooms, planting trees, helping install lights on the skate park, working on the dog park, and many other projects. It has been a productive winter and I am pleased to have a lot of our 2015 summer crew returning for 2016. The 2015 seasonal crew was very competent and the quality of work should even be higher this year. We also have almost a full year in with our events person Andy Eflin so the events throughout the summer will be even better as well.

Thank you,  
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Parks Foreman