



## Town Council

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**SUBJECT: Presentation**

**Awards for Erie Parks & Recreation from the Colorado Parks & Recreation Association**

**DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation**

**PRESENTER: Patrick Hammer, Parks & Recreation Director**

**SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:**

Each year, the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) organizes an awards program held during the annual CPRA Conference. The annual awards program is designed to recognize and celebrate outstanding individuals and organizations that contribute to the success and value of parks and recreation in the State of Colorado. This year the conference was held from October 9-11 in Vail, and the awards program was held at the annual awards banquet on October 10, 2019.

CPRA has different award categories, all of which are defined by strict criteria requiring tangible demonstration of improving the quality of life for those in our community. This year the Town of Erie Parks & Recreation Department was the recipient of three prestigious awards: Columbine Award for New Park Design (Star Meadows Park), Active Adults Programming and Services Section Award (Cindy Hickman) and Outstanding New Professional Award (Levi Moser).

- **2019 Columbine Award for New Park Design - Star Meadows Park**
  - Star Meadows Park is an excellent example of cooperation between multiple entities, with a singular vision of creating imaginative play spaces for our youth. The park features a solar summit interpretive trail, life sized sundial, fiber optic star paths in the plaza, a special effects mister system, various play elements and a multi-purpose field.
- **2019 Active Adults Programming and Services (AAPS) Section Award - Cindy Hickman**
  - AAPS section is composed of those persons who work in adult programming and services, including active adults, seniors, baby boomers, and any person 18 years and older, both in the recreation and therapeutic settings. Cindy was recognized by her peers due to her passion and inventive delivery of services and programs for the Erie community.
- **2019 Outstanding New Professional Award - Levi Moser**
  - The Outstanding New Professional Award is a prestigious award given to one professional for the entire state of Colorado. Levi Moser was the recipient due to his leadership, drive, and innovative contributions in sports programming for the Town of Erie.

In addition to staff's achievements at the State level, the National Recreation and Park Association granted Luke Bolinger a Young Professional Fellowship. Luke was one of four professionals inducted into the Fellowship which recognizes young leaders on the national level. Luke has also been selected to serve on the National Certification Board to further promote the parks and recreation industry by providing premier certifications and continued education opportunities to other professions across the country.