

City of Laurel
Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting
Virtual

March 23, 2026

- I. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order 6:05pm
- II. Members in attendance:**
Eileen Collins
Amy Dunham
Laura Deglau
Artesa Jones
- City staff in attendance:**
Tim Van Der Vossen, Deputy Director
Jennifer Carmen, Administration
- III.** The Minutes of the October 27, 2025 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve and was seconded. The Minutes for the meeting were approved.
- VI. City Updates:**
- Preakness planning committee formed, meetings are ongoing. Events for the week have been watered down somewhat. Some departmental events will be happening, they are in the new brochure. The City’s theme is “Saddle Up Laurel”.
 - The Mayor has been engaged with talks with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America for use of the Armory for various programs including an after school program. Questions about the impact on city programming and revenue impact were asked by members. More information to come-possible September timeline.
 - The City has purchased 114 and 122 Lafayette Avenue. Phase one of renovation for use by DPW and FMPS has been completed. Both these departments have moved employees in to the main building. The additional outbuildings will be used by the Police Department, and Parks and Recreation. This will be Phase 2 of the project.
- V. Project Updates**
- Dam Ruins – this project is still about 2 years out. Engineers are still working on it, no renderings as yet. The project will encompass cleaning up and shoring up the ruins, new signage will be included.
 - Andersons Corner – no changes as yet. We have 3 Million Dollars in funding presently which will complete a portion of the recreational project. We are hoping to add 3 Million Dollars more to complete the entire project.
 - Leo Wilson playground replacement is in progress. Surfacing will need a couple of 50 degree days to be poured. We are hoping for a mid April completion date.
- VI. Department Updates**
- Upcoming Special Events
Eggstravaganza-March 28

Lakefest-April 25-date moved up because of Preakness events
Park Clean up days-April 4/Riverfront and April 18/Gude Park-10am-12am
Music on Main-May 8-Quill Lot
Outdoor Movie- May 12
Music at the Mansion -May 15

VII. Departmental Committee Updates

- Youth Services Commission deadline was February 28. Several groups inquired. No applications submitted yet.
- Tree Board meetings are ongoing.
- Laurel Arts Council meetings are ongoing-Poetry in the Park-Riverfront Park

Meeting concluded at 6:35pm.

Next Meeting to be held June 22, 2026 at 6:00pm and will be in person.

Jennifer Carmen, Office Manager