



**CITY OF LAUREL  
PARK BOARD  
THURSDAY, June 8, 2023  
5:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:36 by Irv Wilke with Richard Herr, Evan Bruce, Paul Kober, Phyllis Bromgard in attendance. Matt Wheeler was the city representative in attendance.

Legion Baseball Group, American Legion Group and a representative from TLC-Patriot Septic and Excavation were visitors.

**Public Input:** *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

No Comments

### General Items

1. Approval of Park Board Minutes of May 4, 2023  
Phyllis B moved and Richard H 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion was approved.

### New Business

2. Legion baseball group made a request to alter the poles for the scoreboard for a new scoreboard. Irv W moved to approve this request and Richard H 2<sup>nd</sup>, with recommendation from Matt Wheeler that this is an upgrade so doesn't need to go to City Council, the motion was approved.
3. The Lions Club presented a letter of proposal which says they would like to take over the management and control over the old JC Hall. (Proposal letter included) The letter will be shared with the Mayor and will be asked to be brought to the City Council Workshop.
4. An issue came up regarding the high cost of liability insurance by lessees that wish to rent the JC Hall. This issue will be brought to the city attorneys for clarification.

### Old Business

5. Bike Park – has to have a professional to design and build with a cost of \$250K to \$300K which means that the bike park is stalled, the dirt that was moved there will be kept there for future use.
6. Playground Equipment at Lions Park – most of it is here or in route however modifications need to be made to the concrete pads to set the equipment.
7. Walking and Bike Path in the Laurel Area – Nothing New to report but would like to be apart of it if the Billings walking and bike trails comes close to us we would like to be apart of it.
8. Splash Park at Thompson Park – the chamber is painting the pool building with close to high school colors, city is buying the paint. The splash park that was started has to be restarted due to excess water caused by the rain. One load of splash park equipment has arrived and placed in storage, second load in route. Member Herr would like research on shade cloth used at Ace Hardware for similar cloth used as splash park in addition to the one that is already there.
9. American Legion Building – the guest from TLC-Patriot Septic and Excavation explained a proposed solution for the septic system at the American Legion Building called Sludge Hammer. Estimate will be shared with the city and a copy will be in the minutes. No permits are needed as this is a repair system.
10. Riverside Park Updates – no report outside that we have a three day summer hire that is looking after the park, dedicated to park maintenance and mowing. We have a person volunteering to camp at the park and act as a host. His only fee is to be allowed to camp there.

11. Russell Park Project – should be completed in September on schedule.

**Other Items**

**Announcements**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

12. Next meeting July 6, 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55

Irv Wilke