



**CITY OF LAUREL
PARK BOARD
THURSDAY, April 6, 2023
5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:31 by Irv Wilke with Richard Herr, Richard Klose, Evan Bruce, Paul Kober, Phyllis Bromgard and Jon Rutt in attendance. Matt Wheeler was the city representative in attendance.

No 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 March 2, 2023
Phyllis B moved and Richard K 2nd and the motion was approved.

New Business

2. Dog Park in Laurel: Discussion about location and possibility of working with the County Commissioners and using Yellowstone County property. Possible partnership to accomplish this.

Old Business

3. Playground Equipment at Lions Park - Ordered parts to repair the broken pieces have been delayed. Rubberized Curbing for the parking lot has been delivered and is waiting for a volunteer day. Weeds have been burned and the concrete pads for the benches should be poured soon.
4. Walking and Bike Path in the Laurel Area – The report from the Billings Area Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Council was available for review and discussion occurred about working with Rotary, the City and County on moving forward.
5. Splash Park at Thompson Park – Yellowstone bank has pledged to pay for Phase Two of the project and funding is \$100,000 short for Phase One, but the project is proceeding anyway and funding is still being raised to close that gap.
6. American Legion Building – The estimate from Schessler was \$17,700 for a new septic system and the Mayor decided to get another quote.
7. Riverside Park Updates – Walking Trail is completed, and more mulch is being added from the south side project. An Employee has been hired to take care of Riverside Park, Campground, and the related buildings. He will work full time this summer maintaining the park. Some discussion on working with the Lion’s Club on the old Jaycee Hall to keep clean and available for rent. Possible Insulation for Jaycee Hall was discussed.
8. Russell Park Project – Is well under way and the dirt is being hauled to Fir Field for the Bike Park

Other Items

New trees are being planted at Thompson Park, need approximately 20 and the Laurel Tree Fund has added \$1400 to the available funds.

Announcements

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DATES TO REMEMBER

9. Next meeting May 4, 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21

Jon Rutt