

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
PARK BOARD
THURSDAY MARCH 5, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SCOT STOKES
EVAN BRUCE

PHYLLIS BROMGARD
JON RUTT

RICHARD HERR

OTHERS PRESENT:

KURT MARKEGARD, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
BETHANY LANGVE, CLERK/TREASURER
MATT CORCORAN, KLJ
TIRZA ASBELL, NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL

PUBLIC INPUT – None

GENERAL ITEMS –

1. Approve the Park Board Minutes of the February 5, 2020 Meeting: Jon Rutt made a motion to approve the Park Board Minutes of February 5, 2020. Evan Bruce seconded the motion to approve the Park Board Minutes of February 5, 2020, all in favor, motion passes 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS –

2. City Pool Discussion: Public Works Director Markegard stated that the City had received the annual quote from Wayne at the YMCA. The quote includes three lifeguards and one desk person. The Mayor expressed his desire to heat the pool but at present there is no way this can be accomplished as there is no gas line running to the pool area. The pool is 50X100 and goes from 9ft deep to 3ft deep. The nearest gas line is behind the post office and running it to the pool would be very costly. The Board asked if solar panels could be used to heat the pool. The Public Works Director stated the solar panels are not an effective means to heat the pool due to weatherizing issues, and the pool is a total of 225,000 gallons.

OLD BUSINESS –

3. Riverside Park Discussion: Matt Corcoran with KLJ handed out a new set of preliminary construction drawings for the Riverside Park Campground Improvements. Matt briefly went over the changes to the drawings. He stated that the expectation is for the advertisement for the bed to be placed on the 12th of March, and a bid opening to be done on the 26th of March. There was a discussion about funding from the State and from the City. The Clerk/Treasurer stated the contribution from the City of Laurel is being held in a restricted account, just like the Billie Riddle trust money, and will be used only for the Riverside Park improvements. She stated that \$250,000 is the amount of money being held in the restricted account. There was a discussion regarding the work to be done at Lion's Family Park. The Lion's International has funding from both the State of Montana, the Lion's Club, and from private donations. There was discussion as to how these funds were going to be properly transferred to the City to pay

for the improvements to Lion's Family Park, as Lion's International is a non-profit. The Public Works Director stated that he would speak with the City Attorney regarding this issue. The Clerk/Treasurer stated that any funds she received for the Lion's Family Park would be placed into a restricted cash account so the money could only be used for Lion's Family Park improvements.

4. Caretakers Building Discussion: The Board discussed the quotes received for the testing of asbestos. This testing is required to determine if City Staff can tear down the Caretakers house or if a contractor is necessary for this job. There was a discussion regarding having this testing being taken out of the building maintenance for the Parks.
5. Chamber Lease Discussion: The Board decided to make no changes to the Chamber Lease and approve it as presented. Evan Bruce made a motion to approve the Chamber Lease as presented. Phyllis Bromgard seconded the motion to approve the Chamber Lease, all in favor, motion passed 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

6. The Next Park Board meeting will be held April 2, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany Langve