



**AGENDA
CITY OF LAUREL
PARK BOARD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 03, 2019
5:30 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM**

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.*

General Items

[Approve](#) 12.6.2018 Park Board Minutes

New Business

Review Park Reservation Process

Old Business

Riverside Park Update

Other Items

Announcements

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Backup material for agenda item:

Approve 12.6.2018 Park Board Minutes

MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
Park Board
12/06/2018 05:30 PM
City Council Chambers

A Park Board was held in the City Council Conference Room and called to order by Scot Stokes at 05:30 PM on 12/06/2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Stokes, Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Gomer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LuAnne Engh, Vice-Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Herr
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Pollock, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irv Wilke
<input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis Bromgard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Wheeler, Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT:

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1. Public Input

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- a. OTHERS PRESENT: Howard Rickard, Laurel Jaycees; Evan Bruce, LARC; Faye Wood, LARC
- b. Evan Bruce asked for clarification on the vault toilet that was ordered and mentioned at City Council Meeting. It was unclear as to whether the City had a "say" in the one chosen or if the State picked it. Matt Wheeler said the one ordered is the one preferred by the City. It is a unisex vault that the City can pump with current equipment. Matt mentioned he has been working closely

with Alicia Stickney and she has been very helpful and easy to work with. He also mentioned the cost of the vault toilet was less than originally estimated and we are able to share shipping costs with another one going in by Blue Creek, further reducing the cost.

2. General Items

- a. November Minutes reviewed & approved as written. Irv motioned; Rich seconded.
- b. LuAnne Engh & Amy Pollock have completed their 3rd term and will not be renewing their term. It was decided to wait until January to select a new Co-Chair and Secretary when new members are appointed. Now that Scot is back, the rush isn't as urgent. Evan was able to give us Ken Gomer's phone number. Ken has been out with a serious injury for several months. Wondering if he still is interested in staying on the Park Board. His phone number is: 702-5919.
- c. Swimming pool - Final financial report: Not received from Bethany.

3. New Business

- a. Clarification of Permits in Riverside Park--Howard mentioned the permit process for Riverside Park seems to be undefined at this point. He brought copies of the current permits for Thomsen and Lion's Park, but the ladies in the office don't seem to know what the permit process is for Riverside. It was decided it is time that ALL permits be reviewed and updated. Permits are one of the responsibilities of The Park Board (per code). They will be reviewed starting at the January meeting.

4. Old Business

- a. Swimming Pool Shade: Matt Wheeler asked the Park Board to give their opinion on the colors for the posts and shade. The Park Board decided to go with Purple & Yellow due to school colors. Matt will get them ordered and have installed in Spring 2019.
- b. Horseshoe Club Lease/Standardized Lease Form--No update. Still with City Attorney. Board expressed frustration on time taken to hear from City Attorney.
- c. DOJ Project: See Public Input above. (It was address there.)
- d. Shooting Complex--No update.

5. Other Items

- a. LARC Representative-Faye Wood- General Report: After four years, they are still working toward building the facility. They started out wanting to fix the current

pool but it turned into something bigger since the pool is only open 2 1/2 months per year. They paid for a feasibility study, have established themselves as a 501 3C Company. They applied for local grants but haven't been awarded any yet. They will apply for other grants once they get started, but have to be closer to building in order to apply. In 2019 they are planning to get going again. Woods Pow'r Grip has 10 acres of land near the on-ramp that they will donate. Phase 1 includes basketball courts for non-school youth. Phase 2 adds a Community Room with a commercial kitchen they will rent out. And, Phase 3 includes 2 pools--1 for competition and 1 more for fitness/youth. Evan and Faye have met with 3 architects and were told they need to have even more people on their committee. A meeting will be held Monday, December 10th @ 6:30pm @ Woods Pow'r Grip. They meet the 2nd Monday of the month.

- b. Howard mentioned the need for someone to look at the breaker box at the Jaycee Hall ASAP. It is a brand that is known to fail--"not if it will fail, but when." He submitted a proposal to the Park Board. Matt Wheeler said will get a quote from an electrician and depending on cost and how big of an emergency it is, he will either have it fixed, or bring before the Park Board next month. If emergency permission is needed, the Board agreed he could call Scot for the Park Board's recommendation to push it forward.

6. Announcements

- a. Howard Rickard of the Laurel Jaycees gave a written letter of interest (attached) formally requesting the opportunity to manage the use of the American Legion Building. There is a need to for more meeting places in Laurel and the Jaycees have offered their services to manage that building as well as their building.

The Park Board adjourned at 06:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Pollock
Secretary

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of listed agenda items.

The Laurel Jaycees would like to, once again, express our interest in leasing the building in Riverside Park that was formerly the American Legion Building.

We understand that there would have to be some repairs first, such as ceiling and mold in bathrooms, and possibly the septic.

We may be able to assist in some of this repair, depending on what is required.

We noticed that the roofing was repaired recently, so we have the impression that the City of Laurel is interested in keeping the building, but we wanted to know if there is a plan for it yet.

The Laurel Jaycees would be willing to sign a 5 year lease, with a monetary amount that the City of Laurel was comfortable with setting, assuming it was similar to the lease conditions that we presently have on the Jaycee Hall Building at Riverside Park.

Our interest would be to clean up and maintain the building and its appearance. We are interested in offering the building to a number of local groups that need a regular place for their meetings and events and trainings. We would also like to offer the building for those in the community that would like to host a family event, or a fund-raiser, or even a memorial service. Our city is limited on the options for a lot of our community groups of children and volunteers, and for the citizens who would like to put together an event.

If the City of Laurel has a plan for this building, we would love to hear about it. If the City of Laurel is open to suggestions, we would like to offer this one for the Laurel Jaycees.

Thank you for your consideration,

Howard Rickard

Laurel Jaycee Hall Manager

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Proposal to the City of Laurel – via the Park Board December 2018

The Laurel Jaycees would like to formally remind the City of Laurel that the electrical breaker panel boxes (Federal Pacific) at the Laurel Jaycee Hall Building are in need of an upgrade for added safety. We have brought this issue to the attention of the City of Laurel through Kurt Markegard and the Park Board. We are hoping to get a response as to the remedy that is planned for the safety of the Jaycee Hall Building and the numerous occupants throughout the year. The building is used weekly by various groups and lots of children are in attendance.

Federal Pacific Electric Panels

Potentially Could Fail to Provide Proper Safety and Protection for Homes

Federal Pacific Electric Company (FPE) was one of the most common manufacturers of circuit breaker panels in North America from the 1950s to the 1980s. Millions of their panels were installed in homes across the country. Yet, as the years passed, electricians and home inspectors often found Federal Pacific Electric panels failed to provide proper protection to homeowners and their families. Experts now say that FPE panels can appear to work fine for years, but after one overcurrent or short circuit, they can overheat and become fire hazards.

In a class action lawsuit, a New Jersey State Court ruled that the Federal Pacific Electric (FPE) Company "violated the Consumer Fraud Act because FPE knowingly and purposefully distributed circuit breakers which were not tested to meet UL standards..." (To see the Class Action Settlement Notice issued for New Jersey Residents, [click here](#).) An expert who investigated the potential hazards of Federal Pacific Electric panels stated under UL 489 test conditions, that FPE panels fail to trip at a much higher rate than standard panels.

When a breaker fails to trip, an extreme amount of power from the outside electrical supply surges into a home's panel and circuits. Once that happens, it cannot be stopped or shut off manually. Electricity will burn until it runs out of fuel or the wires melt. The panel could overheat and catch fire, causing serious harm to a home and its occupants. Many Federal Pacific Electric panels and breakers can operate properly for years. But if and when they do malfunction, a disaster could occur.

Sincerely,

Howard Rickard

Laurel Jaycee Hall Manager

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