

MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
Park Board
09/06/2018 05:30 PM
City Council Chambers

A Park Board was held in the City Council Conference Room and called to order by LuAnne Engh at 05:30 PM on 09/06/2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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1. Public Input

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

- a. N/A--Jason O'Rear of Laurel Shooting Education Program was in attendance but did not speak during public input. Matt Lurker, CAO was also in attendance.
(Cannot input into "Others Present")

2. General Items

- a. August Minutes not passed on to Board Members so they were not reviewed.
Will have to review minutes for both August and September.

3. New Business

- a. NA

4. Old Business

- a. Lease negotiations: CEO, Matt Lurker, said he has sent an updated lease form for City Attorney, Sam Painter, to review. The form would make the leases standardized between the organizations. Keeping the buildings ADA compliant would also be a part of the lease. The Board asked that the Horseshoe Club be excluded from the new process as they believed they had already recommended renewal of the former lease at the last meeting. They felt Mr. Nick Kisch had been waiting long enough. The minutes will be checked and move forward as noted.
- b. Swimming Pool: With the new system, there was a breakdown in inviting the YMCA to attend the Park Board Meeting to report on this past summer season. LuAnne will also be requesting the final numbers from Bethany again. LuAnne mentioned in the past that Shirley would give us a detailed report letting us know how much money was lost on the pool. Matt asked why we decided to outsource to the YMCA if we are losing money. We informed him that we did that years ago when the pool was losing money AND becoming a huge headache for the City since they couldn't keep it staffed. Unfortunately, the cost for YMCA has been going up each year and for awhile attendance was down due to cold water/weather and new state restrictions on passing a swim test before being allowed without a parent. Parents aren't always able to accompany their kids so numbers fell. We still don't know how the new rates were accepted. It was noted that the pool often looked full, especially with the warmer weather and warmer water. The shade posts for are on schedule to be installed in September with the actual shade not being put up until next summer to avoid weathering. Hope to have an article in the paper about the pool shade early next summer to promote the pool. Also, LuAnne (and possibly Matt?) is going to check with Bethany about inviting YMCA to our next meeting to report
- c. Riverside Park: Shortly before the meeting Kurt sent an email with the attached document and asked the members to review and give comment. The members didn't have the time to take a look so we are attaching to the minutes and request the Park Board Members review it for the next meeting. Matt also said the \$514,000 has been approved, but it is not in our hand. The Park Board would like to have a committee formed in order for the process to move forward.

LuAnne and Amy have offered to talk to Matt Wheeler, who is over the project, and ask him about moving forward with the committee.

- d. Shooting Complex: Wednesday, 9/5/18, several of the local shooting groups met to discuss the options of having a Shooting Complex shared by the group as a whole, with Tri-County Sportsmen taking the lead. Tri-County Sportsmen (TCS) has agreed to move forward with their group as the "umbrella" with the other sports groups. Each group will maintain their separate legal entity, but they will all work together. They are looking at the land past the dump as one location that currently seems like the best option, but they are still looking into other possibilities as well.

5. Other Items

- a. Jason O'Rear of the Laurel Shooting Education Program presented his proposal of BB Gun shooting in Jaycee Hall. He said there may have been a misunderstanding when Sam Painter, City Attorney, put out a memo saying ALL shooting stops in Riverside Park. He felt like LSEP got lumped into this group accidentally which wasn't really the intention. The Park Board wanted to move forward with a recommendation but could not because they no longer had a quorum. (Phyllis had to leave early for another meeting). It was decided to vote on the recommendation at the beginning of the October Board Meeting. The timeline showed that should be fine so LSEP can start in November.

6. Announcements

- a.

The Park Board adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Pollock
Secretary

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