

**City of Laurel
Park Board Minutes
Thursday, August 2, 2018**

In attendance were Park Board Members: Scot Stokes, Amy Pollock, Irv Wilke, LuAnne Engh, Phyllis Bromgard; CAO, Matt Lurker; and Citizens, Herb Stoick, Ruben Delzer, Rick Bailey, Mike Connelly, & Curt Lord from Laurel Rod & Gun Club(LRGC); Jamie Krug, 4-H Shooting Program; Howard Rickard, Laurel Jaycees; and Nick Kisch, Horseshoe Club

Public Comment:

Howard Rickard, Laurel Jaycees, reported he had talked to Kurt Markegard concerning the need for a new roof which he said was “on schedule” and also some electrical issues that have a “high risk/failure rate.” Per Matt Lurker, Kurt has talked to the insurance about the roof and is aware of the electrical issues.

2. **Minutes:** Reviewed and approved minutes from July meeting. Irv moved to accept, Phyllis seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

3. **Lease Negotiations: Horseshoe Club:** Nick Kisch said they have found insurance and he has been able to raise the funds for the policy. He said he will secure the policy and present it to Matt or whoever needs it to move forward with the lease.

4. **Swimming Pool:** The bid to install the shade came in over \$5,000 so it had to go to Budget and Finance Committee. It has now passed and the posts will be installed at the end of the season. The shade will be saved and put on next spring so it isn't exposed to the winter conditions.

No update on Pool Passes. Amy & LuAnne requested we get a total number of pool passes and swimmers for the season. Also requested inviting the YMCA/pool manager to our September meeting to report and give ideas on ways to improve for next year. (Not sure who should do this! ☺ Can you help us?)

6. **Update on Funds from Dept. of Justice:** Got a contract from DOJ and have sent to Sam to look over. The date given is 12-31-2020 and if not completed, we need to show we are moving forward. The total for all projects is \$514,000 (must stay under that). Riverside Park was awarded \$350,000 + \$50,000 for the Campground + \$37,000 for the vault toilets. Lion's park was awarded \$62,000 for ADA compliance dock + \$15,000 for dredging the pond.

It was suggested that we need a Riverside Park Committee to help move forward specifically with the awarded funds. LuAnne offered to be the point of contact for this committee. CAO Matt also offered to contact MSU-B Parks & Rec (Outdoor Adventure Leadership?) degree program and see if we could get some free help from interns and use them as an advisor. Irv moved to request that Matt ask MSU-B for free help and Phyllis seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

CAO Option: CAO Matt said he would really like to help keep shooting sports here. He proposed an alternative option to having shooting in Riverside Park. He said he had been looking for some land that might be available and found approximately 20 acres where the old county landfill was. Because it was formerly a landfill, there isn't much that can be developed on the land. Matt suggested pursuing the development of "Laurel Shooting Sports Park" on that property. He provided a proposal (attached) outlining some ideas, parameters and recommendations and said he was willing to be a liaison to help move it forward. His goal is to be the safest range we can create that is also close to town.

Irv mentioned that with that many acres it would just be limited to small bore rifles and shotguns. You need a 300 yard fallout for skeet/trap. Matt said there is a paved road already there that we could possibly attain access from. Power is also at the edge of the property. All indoor ranges have banned non-jacketed lead rounds so they would also have to limit the type of ammunition. Matt said a report he saw on the Laurel Rifle Club building were way over safe limits. It was mentioned that the conditions it was tested under were not "normal" circumstances due to the flood, etc.

Matt said even though there is currently NO shooting in Riverside Park, he would like to meet to the 4-H & Shooting Program and figure out a compromise to bring before Council to allow those programs (BB gun & air rifles) to continue in Riverside Park.

Irv suggested asking the clubs to take a look at the proposal and give their opinions. Curt Lord said they have been looking for more land so they could shoot long rifles as well, but this would help with 90% of their needs and it's nice that it's so close to town.

Irv, Curt Lord, and Jamie Krug (4-H program) requested to be Points of contact for the committee.

Other: None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Amy Pollock, Park Board Member

LAUREL SHOOTING SPORTS PARK

August 2, 2018

OVERVIEW

1. Project Background and Description

The City of Laurel has a long and proud tradition of participating in various shooting sports activities. Local clubs have enabled hundreds of individuals to learn about and enjoy shooting sports. These clubs have historically utilized both indoor and outdoor facilities owned by the City of Laurel at Riverside Park through lease agreements. Facility conditions have decayed to an unsuitable safety standard and a growing concern for safety and liability with shooting in the City park make these activities are no longer permissible.

This project is to assist in the identification of suitable property and development of a formal proposal to establish a dedicated facility for a shooting sports park. This shooting sports park shall enable the continuation of the long tradition, and obligation, of educating our youth and community members in firearms safety and proficiency. It shall also serve as law enforcement training site to ensure proficiency.

2. Project Scope

This project shall establish a dedicated shooting sports park north of Laurel to facilitate firearms training and educational programs in addition to competitions and exhibitions for the surrounding community.

3. High-Level Requirements

The project shall require several key components to be deemed successful.

- Yellowstone County must agree to either gift or sell the property to one of the affected organizations listed in section 5 below.
- Approval of range operations by the Laurel Airport Authority and FAA (as needed).
- One organization must agree to become the primary "owner/operator" of the park.
- All range facilities must be designed, inspected, and certified by a licensed contractor experienced in the development of firing ranges.

4. Deliverables

The project shall require the following deliverables. Failure for any one organization involved to meet the requirements shall terminate the project/park, resulting in the property reverting back to Yellowstone County ownership.

- Organizations must agree to quarterly law enforcement priority 'black out dates' for proficiency training (i.e. one calendar week per quarter dedicated to law enforcement use only).
- Organizations must agree to joint and equal use.
- Organizations must have an NRA certified range official(s) on-site at all times during range operations.
- Organizations shall be responsible for all development, improvements, and monthly maintenance of the range.
- Organizations must maintain proper insurance, independent of any other tenant organization, and list the City of Laurel and Yellowstone County as an additional insured party.

5. Affected Parties

This project shall affect the following property owners as indicated:

- Yellowstone County, owner of desired property
- City of Laurel, owner of Riverside Park

This project shall affect the organizations listed below. Each organization shall understand and agree that neighboring law enforcement agencies shall have a priority for firearms proficiency training (one calendar week per quarter). *Backport week (have day + night)*

- Laurel Rifle Club
- Laurel Rod and Gun Club
- Laurel 4H Shooting Sports program (Laurel Roadrunners)
- Tri-County Sportsman's Club

6. Potential Resources

The following is a list (not inclusive) of potential resources to assist the organizations in funding the project.

- National Rifle Association
- Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Shooting Sports Foundation

Grant Programs

7. Specific Exclusions from Scope - *CAC = willing to work + keep dialogue open*
The City of Laurel shall assist the organizations in establishing contact with Yellowstone County and provide guidance in preparing correspondence and/or hosting meeting discussions.

The City of Laurel shall not provide financial or technical assistance with the acquisition, design, construction, or certification of any range or range facilities.

Yellowstone County shall not provide financial or technical assistance with the acquisition, design, construction, or certification of any range or range facilities.

8. Proposed Shooting Sports Location

A parcel of land has been identified north of Laurel near the City container site that is owned by Yellowstone County. The property is a former landfill area and inappropriate for inhabitable development. It largely consists of 20.66 acres of rolling plains and a seasonal drainage through the center of the property (west to east, downhill).

It is proposed to develop a combination of firing and archery ranges with appropriate support structures. Up to two 100-yard rifle and one 50-yard pistol ranges may be developed along the northern half of the property. Two skeet ranges may be developed along the southeast corner of the property. Two additional archery ranges may be developed along the southwest corner of the property. Support structures would be developed along the western border of the property and may include: multiuse clubhouse, vault toilets (USFS style), and parking areas.

Proposed Laurel Range

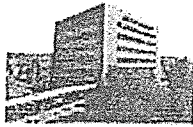


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Tax ID: D00255

Primary Party

Primary Owner Name: YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

2018 Mailing Address: YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

PO BOX 35000

BILLINGS, MT 59107-5000

Property Address: BUFFALO TRAIL RD

Township: 01 S Range: 24 E Section: 33

Full Legal: S33, T01 S, R24 E, FRAC PT NWNW 20.66 AC

GeoCode: 03-0925-33-2-11-01-0000

[Show on Map](#) (May not work for some newer properties.)

Property Assessment Information

Levy District: LAUREL OUTSIDE
W/PLANNING

Assessed Value Summary

Assessed Land Value = \$ 66,500.00

Assessed Building(s) Value = \$ 1,140.00

Total Assessed Value = \$ 67,640.00

Assessed Value Detail Tax Year: 2017

Class Code	Amount
2153 - Exempt Commercial Land	= \$ 66,500.00
3150 - Commercial Exempt Improvements	= \$ 1,140.00
Total	= \$ 67,640.00

The values shown for the given tax year are for taxation purposes only. They are supplied by the Department of Revenue. For questions about these values, please contact the Montana Department of Revenue, Appraisal/Assessment Office at 406-896-4000.

Rural SID Payoff Information

NONE

Property Tax Billing History

Year 1st Half 2nd Half Total

(P) indicates paid taxes.

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Jurisdictional Information**Commissioner Dist: 1 - John Ostlund (R)****Senate: 27 - Cary Smith (R)****House: 53 - Dennis Lenz (R)****Ward: Outside City Limits****Precinct: 53.3****School Attendance Areas****High: LAUREL****Middle: LAUREL****Elem: LAUREL**School District Trustee LinksAny comments or questions regarding the web site may be directed to the Web Developer.