

**City of Laurel  
Park Board Minutes  
Thursday, February 1, 2018**

In attendance were Park Board Members: Phyllis Bromgard, Amy Pollock, Scot Stokes, Irv Wilke, & Richard Herr; Kurt Markegard, Public Works Director; and Citizens, Curt Lord, Laurel Rod & Gun Club; Nick Kisch, Horseshoe Club; & Darrell Johnson, Laurel Rifle Club. Park Board Member, LuAnne Engh joined via phone call for a portion of the meeting.

1. **Public Comment:** Darrell Johnson of the Laurel Rifle Club said they would like to get their club location back. They would like to get the State Games back and their service organization. He also stated the Laurel Rifle Club is interested being a “champion” for their building if the Riverside Park Master Plan is approved.

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

3. **Swimming Pool:** Kurt, Amy, & LuAnne had asked for quotes for possible shade & benches for the swimming pool, just to get an idea. LuAnne said she didn’t feel like we could raise the rates without shade and places to sit. That is also what she heard from the local daycare and after school program who use the pool. LuAnne asked if it was a possibility to use some of the Billie Riddle funds to pay for the shade and benches. Kurt checked with the City Attorney, Sam Painter, and he felt using the actually funds she donated would require putting it before the city, having a public meeting, etc. However, he said using some of the interest from the funds seemed like they could be in line with the intent of the money without using the actual donated funds.

Irv said he would still like to put it in the open for the citizens to consider. Kurt said we really need to get it before the budget and finance committee before we can get any official bids or move forward.

Richard Herr made the motion to move forward to look into using some of the interest money from the Billie Riddle donation. Phyllis seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

Rate was also discussed so it can go forward to be reviewed. The rate suggested by the Park Board was \$3/person/day age 5 and up. (Under 5 is free with a paying adult.) There would also be a summer member option of \$40/person and \$75/family (must be IMMEDIATE FAMILY) up to 6 members. Irv moved to make the recommendation to council and Phyllis seconded the motion. Recommendation passed unanimously.

4. **Update on Riverside Park Master Plan:** City Council received the draft the Park Board recommended. Council will be voting on it Tuesday, February 6, 2018, as whether to adopt it as a living plan. (Living plan meaning changes can and will be made as it fits the City’s needs and budget). Irv & Richard will update us next meeting on the status.

5. **Update on Funds from Dept. of Justice:** Kurt said on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Public is invited to attend. Kurt has had multiple conversations with Alicia about the matching funds. It looks like she might recommend gravel pads, fire pits, grading for boat launch,

picnic shelter, toilets, and possibly engineering for the final plan. After much discussion, Alicia understood our need to make the City's contribution getting the electricity and water to the park. We understand that the fund cannot pay for those items, but the City must make that their contribution because without those amenities the other upgrades won't be effective and the City simply does not have funding for both.

Kurt said the Mayor sent a commitment letter stating the City will support the plan where they are able. He also told Phyllis that Alicia was asking about a scope of detail for the Lion's Park. Phyllis said she would talk to the Lion's Club and get the information they were requesting.

**6. Lease Negotiations:** Kurt advised the City Attorney sent a lease agreement for the Laurel Horseshoe Club, but Kurt recommended we take a look at it, as well as let the Horseshoe Club look it over. Kurt said it had some things that may be of concern and need to be updated. In addition, there is a question as to who owns what and who is responsible for maintenance to some of the electrical equipment that is not up to code. There was an estimate received of over \$700 to repair some of the issues.

Another item that was also brought up was the Horseshoe Club does not carry insurance on the building. They believed since it was in a City Park the coverage would extend. Nick Kisch said the club couldn't afford it. Kurt said it is usually the City's policy that all groups have to carry their own insurance.

It was left that no lease could be offered at least until the electrical issues are resolved and some more research as to who owns what is resolved. We will discuss it next meeting.

**Other:** Curt Lord of the Laurel Rod & Gun Club presented another letter requesting some changes to their lease at renewal date of May 7, 2018. (See attachment.) Park Board agreed to discuss it at the next meeting.

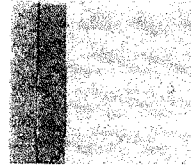
Scot also requested we discuss sports teams using parks at our next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Amy Pollock, Park Board Member

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January 31, 2018

Laurel Park Board  
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Dear Laurel Park Board,

Our current Lease Resolution No. R13-25 expires May 7 2018. We would like to renew it with the following changes.

1. Lease date to start 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.
2. Article I: Add Lessee has approval to shoot trap every Sunday from 10AM to 2PM.
3. Article V: Lessee shall pay the City rent in the amount of \$100.00 per year.
4. Article II: Add to the end that Lessee has permission to access the Club House to get needed supplies for shooting and to use the Kitchen area to register shooters and warm up.
5. Article XVIII: Do to the overwhelming public support for a place to educate our youth and teach safe fire arm handling along with practice and competition we would ask to remove this section. We feel it would benefit the Riverside Park Master Plan by bringing in more campers and providing other forms of entertainment and enjoyment for the Park. We would ask for a permanent variance or exception that allows safety instructed shooting activities to take place within the back third of Riverside Park.

Sincerely,

Laurel Rod and Gun Club

Curtis Lord (Treasurer)

Herb Stoik (President)