



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
PARK BOARD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 01, 2024
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.*

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Irv Wilke. Tom Canape, Richard Klose, Paul Kober, Phyllis Bromgard and Jon Rutt in attendance.

Tessa Jochim spoke in support of building new Tennis Courts in Laurel. She has started a non-profit "Laurel Montana Tennis Association" to raise funds for building 2 new courts.

Jody Adams spoke in support of new Tennis Courts in Laurel. She is a national consultant for the "United States Tennis Association". She left information about all the help available to fund and build the courts. Information attached.

General Items

1. LPB Minutes June 6, 2024 – Phyllis moved, and Tom seconded approval of the June 6 minutes. Motion approved.

New Business

2. Park QR code – Jon presented an example of a sign for raising money in the parks for the parks. Jon made a motion to place signs in all the parks that would accept donations through the Laurel Montana Community Foundation for the beautification of Laurel Parks. Phyllis seconded. Placement would be approved through Matt Wheeler. Motion passed.

Old Business

3. Other parks in Laurel – Kiwanis Sprinkler installation for \$79,900 starting next week. Russell Park seeding did not work well and looks like it needs to be redone. Thompson Park newly seeded area is looking nice. Splash Park needs to be weed eaten and sprayed for weeds. Matt will get that done. Picnic tables at Splash Park are attracting bees and need to be cleaned regularly. Matt will see to that.
4. American Legion Building at Riverside Park – Flooring and paint left to finish.
5. Riverside Park - lead cleanup - Nothing
6. Riverside Hall - Lions Club – Door replacement on hold. Club is still progressing slowly for now.

Other Items

License Plates are generating \$700 per month. Tree trimming at Riverside Park and other parks will proceed when the new budget is approved. Paul made a motion to install Cornhole game donated by Laurel Rotary on the east side of the Thompson Park Shelter. Richard seconded and motion passed

Announcements

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Next meeting September 5th, 2024

Adjourned at 6:16

Submitted by Jon Rutt

2023 Guide to Tennis Venue Services

SEE BELOW FOR HELPFUL HINTS AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES



BUSINESS SERVICES

- USTA assistance and support with liaising between public and private developers.
- Forecasting and financial recommendations that help determine project cost estimates.
- Identifying potential partners and funding sources
- Assistance with business plan preparation and review
- Providing recommendations for operations and staffing

TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Assessment of existing facility to address any problems with tennis courts, lights, etc.
- Preparation of existing facility rehabilitation or renovation plans
- Review of contract bids
- Review of construction documents to ensure all project details are clear, accurate and concise • Recommendations for alternative or cost saving methods for construction, grading and drainage plans

ADVOCACY SERVICES

- Complimentary [USTA Community Advocacy Handbook](#)
- Assist project leaders in developing their project's position and identifying a special proposal
- Provide tennis research and data to outline opportunities

DIGITAL TOOLS

- Create custom online programs and manage financial transactions with ease
- Oversee court bookings, sell and manage services, and connect with customers in one place
- Promote your business with easy email marketing and a free custom website

FACILITY FUNDING

- The USTA offers a competitive grant to facilities that meet additional requirements outlined below. Funding eligibility is based on many criteria including the successful completion of the technical review, the number of tennis courts at the site, and the programming offered at the facility.

Categories	Funding Description	USTA Contribution*
CATEGORY I	Basic Facility improvements, including fixed tennis court amenities (i.e. backboards, fencing, windscreens, smart court access, etc.) and blended 36' and 60' tennis line installation on existing tennis courts.	Up to 50% of total project cost (\$5,000 maximum)
CATEGORY II	Resurfacing of existing 36', 60', and 78' tennis courts. Converting 78' tennis courts to stand-alone 36' tennis courts.	Up to 50% of total project cost (\$35,000 maximum) 2 – 3 courts = \$5,000 – \$12,500 max 4 – 8 courts = \$12,500 – \$25,000 max 9+ courts = \$25,000 – \$35,000 max
CATEGORY III	New construction of 36', 60', and 78' tennis courts. Reconstruction of existing 36', 60', and 78' tennis courts. Lighting. Addition of structures over existing tennis courts.	Up to 50% of total project cost (\$55,000 maximum) 2 – 3 courts = \$15,000 – \$25,000 max 4 – 8 courts = \$25,000 – \$40,000 max 9+ courts = \$40,000 – \$55,000 max

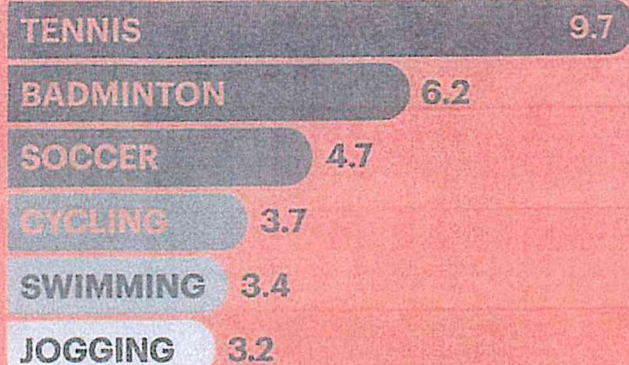
*Additional funds may be available for indoor projects.

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Mayo Clinic, Sep. 2016

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Healthy Beats

Tennis improves heart health.



Healthy Pals

Tennis helps build and keep friendships.



Healthy Skills

Tennis improves coordination, agility and balance.



Healthy Thoughts

Tennis promotes mental well-being.



Healthy Bodies

Tennis increases fitness levels.

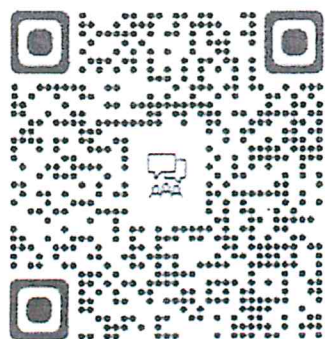


Healthy Vibes

Tennis raises self-confidence and lowers tension.

Tennis Venue Services

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



**Newsletter
Sign-Ups**



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TRIBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Land & Water Conservation Fund matching grants help local communities provide open spaces and healthy recreation places for Montana families.

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND RECREATION GRANTS

Program Specifics

The Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program is a federal grant program administered by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). The LWCF Program provides matching grant funds to state, tribal, and local government entities to develop outdoor recreation. Montana's LWCF Program has funded over 800 projects throughout Montana since its creation in 1964.

The **2020-2024 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)** (https://files.cfc.umt.edu/humandimensionslab/SCORP_2020-2024.pdf) provides guidance to direct Montana's state-side apportionment of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program.

Eligibility and Funding

Examples of eligible projects include: ball fields, public parks, outdoor municipal pools, playgrounds, picnic facilities, walking trails and more. This grant requires a 50% match.

How to Apply

Next grant round opens summer 2025.

Application Materials

- **2024 Application Guidelines** (/binaries/content/assets/fwp/aboutfwp/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2024-cycle/2024-lwcf-application-guidelines.pdf) (PDF)
- **Pre-Application Form** (<https://fwp.mt.gov/binaries/content/assets/fwp/aboutfwp/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2024-cycle/2024-lwcf-pre-application-project-proposal.pdf>) (PDF)
Prospective LWCF Program applicants must complete and email this Pre-Application Project Proposal Form to the LWCF Program Manager before applying to the LWCF Program
- **2024 Grant Application** (/binaries/content/assets/fwp/aboutfwp/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2024-cycle/2024_lwcf-grant-application.pdf) (PDF)

- **Resolution Authorizing Application**
</binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2024-cycle/2024-lwcf-resolution-authorizing-application.pdf> (PDF)

Document Examples

- **Boundary Map Example** </binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2024-cycle/boundary-map.pdf> (PDF)
- **Budget Example** </binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2024-cycle/budget-breakdown.pdf> (PDF)

Post-Award Materials

- **Limited Solicitation** /binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2024-cycle/lwcf-limited_solicitation1-1.pdf (PDF)
- **Volunteer Hours Form** </binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2024-cycle/volunteer-hours-form.pdf> (PDF)

Past Awards

- **2022 LWCF Grant Awards** </binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2022-lwcf-awards.pdf> (PDF)
- **2021 LWCF Grant Awards** </binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2021-lwcf-awards.pdf> (PDF)
- **2020 LWCF Grant Awards** </binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2020-lwcf-awards.pdf> (PDF)
- **2019 LWCF Grant Awards** /binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2019-lwcf-community-grants_webcopy.pdf (PDF)
- **2018 LWCF Grant Awards** </binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/lwcfawards.pdf> (PDF)
- **2012 - 2017 LWCF Grants** </binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/2012-2017.pdf> (PDF)
- **1964 - 2011 LWCF Grants by County**
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Key Information

- **National Park Service LWCF Program Manual**
</binaries/content/assets/fwpa/aboutfwpa/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/lwcf-manual-oct-2023.pdf> (PDF)

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