

Laurel Park-Tree Board Minutes for June 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Tom Canape in Council Chambers.

In attendance were Paul Kober, Irv Wilke, Brent Edgmond, Rene Studiner, Joe Holzwarth, Tom Canape, Richard Klose, and Jon Rutt.

Guests – Laura Kirschman, Chuck Hull, and Jack Sterling.

Public input – Chuck and Jack from Yellowstone River Research Center propose cleaning up the junk on the east side of the berm of the shooting range for the Rod and Gun Club Range. They presented a waiver of liability to the City. See attached proposal.

General Items

1. LPB Minutes for May 7, 2026 – Richard Klose moved to approve and Brent Edgmond 2nd the motion. Approved

New Business

Old Business

2. Floating Island for South Pond – City Council to review.
3. Other Parks – Going well. School gave back Fir Field, and the soccer team the “Storm” agreed to maintain. Nutting Park sprinkler contractor did a poor job.
4. Billie Riddle Splash Park Toilets – Jon Rutt made a motion to investigate installing permanent toilets at Splash Park, Richard Klose 2nd. Approved.
5. Riverside Park Campground – Slight homeless problem, police working on a solution. Otherwise, good and being used.
6. American Legion Building at Riverside Park – Nothing new
7. Riverside Hall/Lions Club – Focusing on getting it rented. Getting busier. Discussion followed about the future operation of renting.
8. Laurel Rod and Gun Club Building – Council has not moved on deciding whether the building can be used.
9. Tree Board Business – Smaller trees are available but it was decided to try for next year. The library is interested in replacing the “Elsie Johnson Memorial Tree” with a bench.

Other Items.

Discussion on Sensory Park for new W 12th Park or Murray Park. Chip Seal the walking path at South Pond.

Next month’s meeting will be on July 2, 2026.

Adjourn 6:28

Submitted Jon Rutt