

Laurel Park-Tree Board Minutes for August 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 by Tom Canape in Council Chambers.

In attendance were Tom Canape, Irv Wilke, Brent Edgmond, Paul Kober, Joe Holzworth, Renae Studiner, and Jon Rutt. Matt Wheeler was in attendance for the city.

Guests –Amy and Shawn Mullaney, Laura Kirshenman.

Public input – None

General Items

1. LPB Minutes for July 2, 2026 – Irv Wilke moved and Brent Edgmond 2nd. The motion was approved. approved

New Business

2. Sensory Park - Amy Mullaney from LMCF asked for a MOU or a document from the city agreeing to partner on the Sensory Park, see attached statement. Discussion on Sensory Park for Murray Park being a good project. Committee ready to start fundraising with an agreement with the city. Irv Wilke made a motion to treat as an emergency resolution for Aug 18 council meeting, Jon Rutt 2nd. Motion was approved.
3. POW Sign at Riverside Park – We have good pictures of the way it was. Should it be removed to preserve it while fundraising to replicate? Discussion followed on storing for now.
4. Floating Island for South Pond – Preliminary testing is being done, and a hard number is being researched.
5. Billie Riddle Splash Park Toilets – Budget approved for \$100K and being tasked to engineer.
6. Seal Coat Walking Path around South Pond – Quotes will be requested for this work.
7. Elsie Johnson Memorial Bench at the Library – Re-purposing the concrete benches from around town was discussed and will be researched.

Old Business

8. Other Parks – Yellowstone Foundation has been cleaning up at Riverside Park. Waivers have been signed by the volunteers.
9. American Legion Building at Riverside Park – Nothing new
10. Riverside Hall/Lions Club – It has been rented out regularly. A new way of giving out the key and accepting payment needs to be arranged. A picture of the backstops that the bb gun shooters are using. See attached. Lacking protection for the walls. Discussion followed on working with the BB Gun group to correct this.
11. Laurel Rod and Gun Club Building – Tom is working with the mayor to get something done. Still undecided with the city. Back burner for the present time.

12. Arbor Day Updates – Luanne Engh will be working on Arbor Day program. Arbor Day in Laurel will be October 6, 2026. Arbor Day Foundation forwarded some information on free trees.

Other Items.

Irv reported on a camper parked outside the actual campground. Over by the ramp. The camper in 14 lot has been tagged for removal.

Next month's meeting will be on September 3, 2026.

Adjourn 6:37

Submitted Jon Rutt