

April 14, 2016

Todd Feezer  
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Dear Todd,

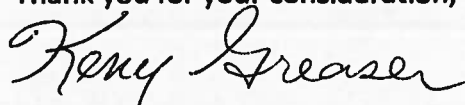
I am writing on behalf of the Optimist/Rotary Park. Although I am a Rotarian, I am writing this letter because of my family's history with the park. My great grandfather Michael Carroll was born in Ireland and immigrated to the US. He became a paymaster for the US government and transported freight and Army payrolls between Leavenworth KS and Salt Lake City Utah. On one of his return trips in 1866 he stopped at the present site of Laramie and was hired to assist in the erection of the buildings at Fort Sanders. In 1868, he resigned his position with the government and took up his residence in Laramie which was a tent village at that time. He acquired by Homestead all the land lying between the Union Pacific tracks and the Laramie River. He later lost all of the land but 40 acres through suits in the courts. He subsequently moved his family to a ranch on in the Little Laramie Valley.

Optimist Park is located on the 40 acres that he retained. My Mother told stories to us that she heard from her aunts and father about living in a home on that site and about early Laramie. My uncle Howard Carroll became the owner of Optimist Park and leased it to the City for a nominal amount for years. Recently my Cousin Teri Carroll sold the park land to the City.

My father G. J. Greaser was an Optimist when I was a child. I am not sure whether he was involved in the Park, but I do remember my family being involved in other Optimist activities.

In conclusion, I support the name change for two reasons. First is that Rotary is a very active and engaged service club. I have no doubt that having Laramie Rotary involved with that park will allow Rotarians to improve the park through various service projects in the future. Second, it is gratifying to have a part of my family history continue to serve the families of Laramie.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Kerry Greaser

April 21, 2016

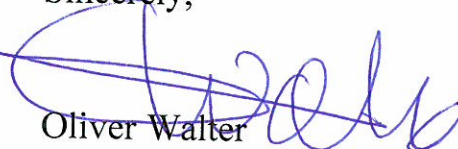
Laramie Parks Advisory Committee

Dear Members of the Board:

I write in strong support of the Laramie Rotary Club proposal to rename Optimist park to Rotary park. The proposal is clearly within the best interests of Laramie. Service is the basic reason to be for the Rotary Club and this is a great opportunity for the club to serve our community. As you are undoubtedly aware, there is no Optimist Club in Laramie. Thus, the park does not benefit from this association which de facto ended years ago. Association with the Laramie Rotary club, on the other hand, provides demonstrable benefits including a significant contribution to an endowment which will be devoted to park improvement. In addition, and equally important, the club promises to participate in efforts to maintain and improve the park through its considerable volunteer capacity.

In sum, the association with Rotary will enhance the efforts of the city to maintain this park and increase its stature as an environmental attraction for all citizens of Laramie.

Sincerely,



Oliver Walter



April 19, 2016

Members of the Laramie City Council and  
Ms. Janine Jordan, City Manager  
406 Grand Avenue  
Laramie, WY 82070

Dear Laramie City Council Members:

The Rotary Club of Laramie and the Laramie Sunrise Rotary Club (Rotary) have been working with the City of Laramie to establish a Rotary Park. Renaming the Optimist Park to the Rotary Park provides a wonderful opportunity for the City of Laramie, Laramie residents and Rotary. Trihydro understands that Rotary desires to assist the City through financial and voluntary involvement to maintain, as well as further develop and improve the Park.

Trihydro Corporation (Trihydro) would like to extend our support for the improvement, development and renaming of Optimist Park to the Rotary Park. Trihydro has approximately 150 employees based in Laramie. The Optimist/Rotary Park is located along the green belt approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile northeast of our headquarters office. Many Trihydro employees and families enjoy the green belt and Optimist/Rotary Park as part of their daily commute and/or recreational activities.

Assisting the City with this Park directly aligns with Rotary's goals, which include community health, youth assistance and community development. Trihydro's strategic plan includes continuing to grow here in Laramie, throughout Wyoming and across the country. Providing adequately maintained park and green belt facilities will benefit our employees, their families and our recruiting efforts. Well developed and well-kept parks and recreation areas should be an important part of our infrastructure and can be a differentiator for Laramie and Wyoming.

Sincerely,  
Trihydro Corporation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Bedessem", written over a horizontal line.

Jack Bedessem, P.E.  
President/CEO

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President Larry,

First of all, I would like to say a hearty thank you to you and the Board for the tremendous amount of effort that you put into establishing this Memorandum of Understanding and working with the Sunrise Rotary Club to come together to initiate a project that is beneficial for the City as well as putting some well-placed accolades with regard to the recognition of Rotary, as it has such an impact on the Laramie community.

Rotary has been a vital force in our community for almost 100 years; it goes without saying that it is long past due to afford some vehicle that allows for recognition of that community involvement. I feel that naming rights to this park is a very befitting and appropriate gesture. Good Job!

Premier Bone and Joint Centers (formerly Gem City Bone and Joint) has been around, serving the citizens of Laramie in orthopedic needs, for roughly half of the time as Rotary in serving the city. As for me, I have only been in Laramie for approximately three years, but in that same time, I have been involved in Rotary and can plainly see the benefits our club is responsible for in terms of the many, many efforts it exerts in our community.

In those three years of my tenure, PBJC has been fortunate enough to be able to be a key sponsor in the annual duck race event. We look forward to that event every year and many of our employees are involved. We feel that having such an event in our own Rotary name sake park is an awesome concept. PBJC plans to use the park for company functions.

Summarizing, I fully support this effort that the two Rotary clubs are attempting and would urge that those involved in the final decision-making process truly consider all the perks and benefits available to both the city as well as the Rotary community of Laramie. Let's make this happen!!

Thanks again for your tremendous contribution of time.

Tom Wolfe  
Chief Executive Officer

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To the City of Laramie Administration, Members of Laramie City Council and Parks and Recreation Department,

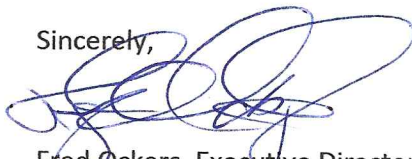
This letter is to support the combined efforts of our communities two Rotary Clubs and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Laramie with regard to renaming Optimist (Rotary) Park, providing funding for possible improvements and their pool of volunteers to assist in any future efforts to enhance the recreational experience there.

Over many years both of these civic organizations have been involved in many activities that have benefited the community whether that was fund raising for specific projects or providing volunteers for various community sponsored events. Their track record in these efforts, has been, and will continue to be something we can rely on as it relates to their commitment to this endeavor. Their pledge of funding an endowment shows their promise of involvement in the future with this project.

Through our office, we have established the Legends of Laramie Tour and one of the 15 locations is in Optimist Park. There, visitors will find a Legends sign with a Quick Response code that, once scanned, gives them an interactive experience about Jacques La Ramee whose name not only graces our city but about his life experiences in the area and on the Laramie River that passes through the park. Any involvement offered by the Rotary Clubs of Laramie will only help to improve the visitor experiences to this location.

Approving this MOU it would be a *WIN WIN* for everyone involved including the citizens of Laramie. It is our hope that the City will agree by its action to approve. We appreciate your consideration in this matter and look forward to reading about this exciting partnership.

Sincerely,



Fred Ockers, Executive Director  
Albany County Tourism Board/Laramie Area Visitor Center  
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April 18, 2016

To the City of Laramie,

I write in support of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Laramie and the community's two Rotary Clubs. This is a classic win-win arrangement in which the two clubs will be able to fulfill their common goal of providing service to the community, and in return, the residents of Laramie (particularly those on the West Side) will benefit from this volunteer effort with an enhanced recreational experience that will be sustained perpetually.

Based upon first-hand experiences, I am quite confident that both Rotary Clubs will fulfill the commitments they are making in the MOU, particularly with regard to maintaining and improving the outdoor experience that the park affords. I was a member of the Sunrise Rotary Club for more than fifteen years, and during this time, volunteered regularly on many Club initiatives that benefited the community. These include: semi-annual highway cleanups along a two-mile stretch of Highway 230 just outside Laramie, participation in Community Clean-up Days, fundraisers for specific projects, help with Pancake breakfasts during Jubilee Days, and financial support for numerous individual and community-sponsored events in Albany County. These many efforts over the years always had two things in common – Sunrise Rotary fulfilled its commitments every time and the Club's efforts benefited the community.

While I have never been a member of the Rotary Club of Laramie (the "noon" club), I have had many occasions over the years to interact with its members and attend some of its meetings. Like the Sunrise Club, these individuals are some of the best leaders in our community and have contributed substantially over the years in labor and money to the well-being of our town. When they make a promise, you can take it to the bank.

The proposed work at Optimist (Rotary) Park is the latest expression of the deep, long-standing commitment these two organizations have made to Laramie and its people. I hope the City will move forward with this MOU.

Sincerely,

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April 22, 2016

Laramie Parks, Trees & Recreation Advisory Board  
Laramie City Council

Re: Memorandum of Understanding Rename Optimist Park as Rotary Park

Dear Advisory Board Members and Councilors:

I wholeheartedly support the efforts of the Laramie Rotary Club to undertake the sponsorship of the City Park in West Laramie currently named Optimist Park and the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for that undertaking. I have been a member of the Laramie Rotary Club for over 15 years and am a past president of the club. I have no doubt the Rotary Club will fulfill the obligations set forth for the Club in the MOU and that Rotary's sponsorship of the Park will be mutually beneficial to the City of Laramie and Rotary.

I urge the Advisory Board to recommend approval of the MOU and the ultimate renaming of Optimist Park as Rotary Park and I urge the City Council to approve the MOU and the renaming of the Park.

Thank you for your community service.

Very truly yours,  
PREHODA, LEONARD & EDWARDS, LLC

By:   
Robert H. Leonard

*John F. Freeman  
1703 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
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April 21, 2016

To: Members, Laramie Parks, Trees and Recreation Advisory Board

Subject: Rotary Clubs' Proposed Gift to City Designated for Optimist Park

As a resident of Laramie, I urge you to favorably consider the proposed memorandum of understanding between the City and our two Rotary Clubs concerning Optimist Park; and to forward your recommendation for approval to the City Council.

Rotary has a long record in support of projects and activities that have contributed to the betterment of our community, in particular to those amenities that contribute to more healthful living as well as to the appearance of the community for residents and visitors alike. Over the past year, both clubs have been looking into possible opportunities for investment of time and money in park improvements. Based on conversations with city staff members and other interested parties, we have concluded that the most immediately feasible project is improvements in Optimist Park.

Rotary is fortunate to have members actively engaged in restoration of the Laramie River. Connecting Optimist Park more closely with river-bank conservation would contribute to conservative use of the area and provide opportunities for engaging "town and gown" together in useful work activities.

Much has been done already to restore the river corridor, and to make it more central to community life. More needs to be done. Improvement of Optimist Park represents a useful step toward a much more ambitious long-term venture, which should be of interest to civic clubs and to community members at large.

Thank you for your consideration.





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**April 22, 2016**

Laramie Parks Advisory Committee  
406 Ivinson Avenue  
Laramie WY 82070

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of renaming Optimist Park to Rotary Park.

- The Laramie Rotary Clubs have demonstrated good will and integrity
- Rotary has been a vital force in community service in Laramie for almost one hundred years
- Rotary wants to further these purposes through involvement and improvement of Rotary Park
- Rotary desires to establish a framework for a productive working relationship for ongoing improvements for Rotary Park

Renaming Optimist Park to Rotary Park will result in improvement of the park's image and the image of Laramie. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



Gary Negich, President  
First Interstate Bank