

**CITY OF LARAMIE
PARKS, TREE & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
October 14, 2015
Minutes of Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Dixon, Marius Favret, Larry Foianini, Phyllis Herdendorf, Jacque Stonum, Dave Hammond, Jamie Le Jambre, Amy Williamson

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Steve Ropp

COUNCIL LIASON: None

GUESTS: Jamie Egolf, Sylvia Bagdonas, Helen Coates, Jenny Madsen

CITY OF LARAMIE STAFF PRESENT: Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director; Kason Walton, Acting Recreation Manager; David Schott, Parks Manager; Inez Wildenborg, Administrative Assistant

The regular meeting was called to order by Madam Chair Jacque Stonum at 6:32 pm.

Consent Agenda:

1. To approve the minutes from the September 9, 2015 regular meeting of the Parks, Tree and Recreation Advisory Board.
2. To acknowledge receipt of the August 2015 Recreation Center membership reports.
3. To acknowledge receipt of the 2015 Festival of the Arts staff report.
4. To acknowledge receipt of the staff report on Dog Day in the park and Dog Day in the Outdoor Pool.
5. To approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Laramie and the Laramie Physicians for Women and Children, PC for providing pre-natal exercise classes for their clients once a week for a fee of \$200 per month through December 31, 2016.
6. To approve the Loan Agreements between the City of Laramie and the University of Wyoming Art Museum for the two sculptures, Robert Russin's "First Steps" and John Kearney's "Alligator".
7. To approve the Grant Agreement between the City of Laramie and Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$115,000 for Laramie Imperial Heights Park, Phase II improvements.

Motion by Favret, second by Foianini that the Consent Agenda be approved as indicated within the staff reports. Motion carried 8-0

Regular Agenda:

1. Consideration of Resolution – AB18 to appoint an Advisory Board member to the Exploratory Committee to assess the need for a Youth Sports/Leisure Complex in Albany County.

Motion by Foianini, second by Le Jambre to recommend that The Parks, Tree, and Recreation Advisory Board approve Resolution 2015-AB18 appointing Chris Dixon to the exploratory Committee to assess the need for a Youth Sports/Leisure Complex in Albany County. Motion carried 8-0.

2. Consideration of the request from Project Graduation 2016 for a fifty percent discount on the facility use cost for the Ice & Event Center for Project Graduation 2016.

Motion by Le Jambre, second by Williamson to recommend that the City of Laramie sponsor the 2016 Project Graduation by authorizing a 50% reduction in fees at the Ice and Event Center from the regular rates. Motion carried 8-0.

3. Consideration of the proposed lease for Depot Park between the City of Laramie and the Union Pacific Railroad for leasing Depot Park.

Harrison presented a brief statement on the background of the original lease agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Laramie. The staff believes that if the City desires to continue to

lease the Depot Park property, specifically the Depot Park parking lot areas for public community use, the lease should be recommended for approval by the Advisory Board and forwarded to the City Council for their consideration.

Motion by Hammond, second by Williamson, to approve the Lease of Property between the City of Laramie and the Union Pacific railroad for Depot Park and forward to City Council for their consideration.

Harrison noted that the City Council is planning on scheduling a work session for November 10, 2015 to discuss this issue and options in further detail. Williamson moves to table motion until after the Council has held a work session on this issue, Le Jambre seconds. Motion carried 8-0

4. Discussion of the Mosquito Control Program

Schott presented background information on the implementation of the City's 2010 West Nile Virus Prevention Plan thereby reducing the threat of West Nile Virus cases within the community, with the intent to gather feedback from the public and the Parks, Tree, and Recreation Advisory Board on the options presented below; Options #1-8:

Schott also stated that staff is seeking direction by narrowing these eight (8) options to one (1) to three (3). The staff will then estimate specifics on costs, efficacy and details on what the program would look like with each option.

(Please note that the City Council has tentatively scheduled a work session to discuss the Mosquito Control program and the aerial application of pesticides for November 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm)

Option 1: Program remains the same.

- The current program has an adopted budget of \$388,773.
- The larval control program consists of both ground applications and one (1) aerial larval treatment.
- The adult control program consists of adult fogging in town and one (1) aerial treatment outside the city limits with an organophosphate pesticide.
- The outcome is estimated at approximately 95% efficacy on treated acres.

Option 2: Same program with no organophosphate pesticides.

- This option will remain within the budget allocated or may reduce the budget slightly.
- The larval control program would remain the same as Option 1.
- The adult control program would apply permethrin pesticide rather than an organophosphate pesticide. There is also a potential for building resistance within the mosquito populations as permethrin would be the only product being applied both within the city limits and outside the city limits for adult control.
- The outcome is estimated at approximately 70%-75% efficacy on treated acres.

Option 3: Increase larval control and eliminate adult aerial control.

- This option will remain within the budget allocated or may increase the budget significantly, depending upon the number of larval applications.
- The larval control program would consist of both ground applications and up to four (4) aerial larval treatments.
- The adult control program would consist of increased adult fogging in town and no aerial applications outside the city limits.
- The outcome is estimated at approximately 80%-90% efficacy on treated acres.

Option 4: Increase larval control and remove organophosphate pesticides from adult aerial mosquito control.

- This option is essentially a blend of Option 2 and Option 3.

- This option will remain within the budget allocated or may increase the budget significantly, depending upon the number of larval applications.
- The larval control program would consist of both ground applications and up to three (3) aerial larval treatments.
- The adult control program would consist of adult fogging in town and one (1) aerial treatment outside the city limits with a permethrin pesticide.
- The outcome is estimated at approximately 80%-90% efficacy on treated acres.

Option 5: Increase larval control and increase adult aerial with no organophosphate pesticides.

- This option would likely increase the budget significantly.
- The larval control program would consist of both ground applications and up to four (4) aerial larval treatments.
- The adult control program would consist of adult fogging in town and up to two (2) aerial applications of permethrin pesticide outside the city limits.
- The outcome is estimated at approximately 75%-85% efficacy on treated acres.

Option 6: Return Program to the Pre-2010 levels of treatment.

In 2011/12, the City of Laramie was required to adhere to the Wyoming Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WYPDES) Program. Rather than incurring the increased costs, the city reduced aerial treatments from two-four (2-4) aerial larval treatments to one (1) and reduced adult aerial treatments from up to three (3) to one (1). It should be noted that prior to 2010, the treatments had smaller acreages and timed when that particular block was ideal for mosquito control.

- This option would likely increase the budget significantly.
- The larval control program would consist of both ground applications and up to four (4) aerial larval treatments.
- The adult control program would consist of adult fogging in town and up to three (3) aerial applications of organophosphate pesticide outside the city limits.
- The outcome is estimated at approximately 95%-98% efficacy on treated acres.

Option 7: Eliminate larval control and focus on adult control.

- This option would likely decrease the budget significantly.
- The larval control program would be eliminated.
- The adult control program would consist of adult fogging in town and up to four (4) aerial applications of organophosphate pesticide outside the city limits.
- The outcome is estimated at approximately 80%-85% efficacy on treated acres.

Option 8: Discontinue the City's Mosquito Control program.

- This option would likely reduce the budget significantly.
- The Albany County Weed and Pest District categorizes mosquitoes as a pest in Albany County. The Weed and Pest District may initiate an adult mosquito control program in the county that the city could contribute funds to.
- By discontinuing the program, there may be a potential public health and safety issue with an increase in West Nile virus.
- The outcome is estimated at approximately 60%-70% efficacy on treated acres.

With the consideration of public comments on the various options, Motion by Williamson, second by Le Jambre, to recommend Options #1, #2, and #4 with an integrated management approach for further consideration along with a detailed estimate for specifics on methodology, costs, efficacy, and on what the program would look like with each option. Motion carried 8-0.

Staff Reports FYI:

- Schott presented Parks Division Staff updates to the Board.
- Walton presented the Recreation Division staff report to the Board.

New Business:

- Harrison introduced two members from the City Youth Council; Rachel Huang and Caitlin Huang.
- Hammond acknowledged that Paul Harrison was designated as the WRPA Fellow of 2015.
- Harrison acknowledged that Blaise Grant received the award for Outstanding Young Professional at the WRPA conference.
- Next Parks, Tree, and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2015 at 6:30pm.
- Harrison updated the Board on the recruitment schedule for a new Parks and Recreation Director with the community forum and interviews scheduled for November 12-13, 2015.

Public Comments:

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Parks and Recreation, City of Laramie