

Minutes for LEAWOOD METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025
Leawood Elementary School
LITTLETON, CO 80123
6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Zach Sack (President), Marci Turaga (secretary), Vicki Graves (board member), Carole Gottlieb (Treasurer), Jesse Opgenorth (board member), Tom Bryant (Volunteer), Judy Anderson (Volunteer)

Meeting called to order by President Sack at 6:07 p.m.

Administrative Items

Treasurer's Report

- Insurance must be filed before the end of the year
- Park Manager costs were lower than in 2024
- Water usage and sprinkler repair costs were significantly higher through summer of 2025
- \$75,000 payment from Acadia has not yet been received, Carole to follow up
- District has approximately \$250,000 in the bank at year end
- Board to discuss appropriate cash reserve levels (2 months, 4 months, or 6 months)
- Financial data from prior years is inconsistent and difficult to reconcile; 2025 and 2026 data expected to clarify true operating costs for the District

Public Comments

- Tom Bryant expressed interest in the District spending approximately \$4,000 to seal cracks and repair sidewalks in 2026. Motion made to postpone \$4,000 concrete repair, unanimous approval
- Resident expressed gratitude for Park Manager prompt, well done snow plowing after snow event. Shared suggestion that entrance to xeriscape area needs to be plowed, bridges in Weaver Park need snow clearing and follow-up maintenance. Plowing was noted as well done, with only minor issues
- Benches need rock placed underneath during winter months to prevent mud. Recommendation: two bags of rock per bench across all parks
- Sidewalk through T-Tract is officially named Coal Mine Trail

Capital Projects and Long-Term Planning

Beaver Dam / Streams

- Board in process of collaborating with Colorado Wild to install pond leveler to help mitigate flooding caused by beaver dams
- Marci to follow up with CO Wild about restrictions or expectations communicated by organization and volunteer involvement

- Follow-up needed to determine whether a county permit is required. Tasked to Marci Turaga

Grants

- Tree grant opportunity discussed from Great Outdoors Colorado. Vicki suggested using grant from GOCO for purchasing/planting 45-50 trees for Weaver Park and surrounding area. Deadline for application 1/15. Vicki to continue exploring this option

Tree Care Contract

- Tree care contract discussion led by Zach Sack. Designs By Sundown to begin tree care after holidays, based on priority and safety risk

Beds and Signs

- Quote for new park signs submitted by Judy Anderson for approx \$20k to replace 12 metal ground signs in similar style to existing signs. Informal approval was given to continue pursuing sign replacement
- Judy to provide mock-ups for review before January meeting
- Jesse to research getting LMPRD park phone service options
- Judy also shared Large Weaver Park main entrance sign estimate. Approx \$20k to replace
- Discussion was held on whether to replace main entrance sign or attempt to “fix” it. No decision made

Insurance and Claim

- Carole provided an update on her plan to file an insurance claim to help with cost of tree care, removal and replacement.
- Carole also advised that insurance filing must be completed before the end of the year, and anticipates having it filed in time.

2026 Budget

- Carole shared copy of the 2026 budget with board members via email prior to the meeting
- Motion made to approve the 2026 budget, unanimously approved
- Budget will be made available on the District website

New Business

- Carole suggested holding a special educational meeting to ensure all board members understand compliance expectations
- Policies and Procedures to be prepared and voted on at the January meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Marci Turaga, Secretary