

Minutes for Leawood Metropolitan Recreation & Park District

July 7, 2025 6:00 pm

Location: Vintage Reserve Clubhouse

Attendees: Marci Turaga (Secretary) Carole Gottlieb (President & Treasurer), Ken Leaf (Park Manager), Jesse Ogenorth (Board Member), Logan MacMillan (VP), Tom Bryant (volunteer), Steve Wall (volunteer) and Gina Lopez (volunteer)

Meeting started at 6:04 pm

Board no longer waiting for next meeting to approve minutes. Minutes now approved via email allowing for timelier reporting.

Resident Comments

- **Tom Bryant** Wood Bridge at Eaton & Weaver – 2 estimates from carpenters coming soon. Preserve the life of the railing with stain/paint and fix loose planks West Side railing. Will put a cap on instead of replacing planks.
- **Steve Wall** – Raccoon posts – Tom Bryant put roofing on the top to help with weathering. We thank Tom for his labor and donation of materials!
- **Steve Wall** – Playground caps need to be replaced. **Ken** to replace.
- **Steve Wall** - Timbers around beds need to be replaced Leawood. **Ken** to get quotes.
- **Steve Wall** – Concerns around brown spots in Leawood & Weaver Parks. Board explained most of this is a result of weed spray, but **Carole** will speak with Cox re: checking the sprinklers in those areas

Park Manager Report (**Ken Leaf**)

- 39 hours in June
- Graffiti cleaned up Weaver
- Raccoon – Weeding in Xeriscape area.
- Raccoon - Mowed strip down path
- Leawood – new slide installed
- July – focus on Xeriscape
- Porta-potty (Honeybucket) Ken to ensure we have pick up day immediately after Holidays

Treasurer's Report (**Carole Gottlieb**)

- New irrigation quote from Cox Replace leaking valves. \$3200
 - Motion to approve: Approved 4:0
 - Carole now providing data on costs of irrigation repairs which are significant \$13,000 year to date.
- US Bank update – Bank still trying to fix ACH issue
- Our new Pavillion rental policy has yielded ~\$200 this month
- Water usage is down relative to 2 prior years and refunds are still coming in from the reported leaks policy with Denver Water initiated by **Judy**.
- **Ken** speaking with Waste Connections about cheaper Park dumpster service. Update: Waste

Management has countered with \$146/month vs. current \$325/month for one year.

Website (**Marci Turaga**)

- **Marci** to reserve LeawoodParkCO.gov
- **Marci** to determine gmail accounts available for static board emails

Weed Spray (**Geri Lopez – Volunteer**)

- **Geri** has volunteered to research potential alternatives to Roundup & Speedzone
 - One board member disagreed, however remainder of board felt research and suggestions should always be welcome
- **Carole** spoke with Cox about Park's displeasure with lack of proper notification before spraying. Cox has apologized and will ensure to improve communication.
- **Carole** to request calendar of events including spraying from Cox and
- Park to post signs & on Website/Social Media **36 hours prior** to spraying

Beds (**Judy Anderson** volunteer).

- **Judy** still waiting on info about whether sprinklers work in beds
- **Carole** to ask Judy to provide map of area so she can discuss with Cox

Trees/Dams/Stream (**Marci T, Logan M**)

- **Marci** contacted Jefferson County Extension & CSU for quote □ \$150/hour
- **Ken/Logan** and multiple Raccoon residents meeting with Darren at from Mile High tomorrow at 9 am. Discussions to include erosion issues in Raccoon.

Logan to discuss precisely what is Mile High's responsibility vs. Park. Logan to memorialize this information for posting on website.

Concrete (**Tom Bryant** volunteer)

- Concrete pumping ProMax \$668 mudjack slab on Weaver Bridge East Bridge.
- Motion to approve. Approved 4:0
- JAW will provide estimate for Weaver where Honeybucket (portapotty vendor) broke concrete.
- **Ken** spoke with with Ben at Hooper (builders of new VR homes) - they still have work to do removing some telephone poles. Once he's able to complete, he's promised fix all damaged concrete from their trucks
- **Carole** to ensure Honeybucket (porta-potty) and/or Park insurance carrier coverage.

New Volunteer Day Sat. July 19th Raccoon Xeriscape. 8 am to 11 am

- **Rachel & Dan Foster** will supply food & drinks
- **Marci** creating posters & website/social media posting
- Need to order the cedar mulch. Est. \$4000
 - Motion to approve: 4-0 to approve \$4,000.

- Board adjourned at 8:50 pm

Carole Gottlieb
Treasurer & President