

# LEAWOOD METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

## Meeting minutes of January 10, 2024

The Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Vice President Judy Anderson. Members present: Kyle Sargent/President (by phone), Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Myra Pasco and Maggie Tocco (via phone). Other District: Debby Baker/Secretary and Dave Padilla/Park Manager. Visitor: Dutch Creek resident Craig Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda** – The proposed agenda was approved without objection.

**Approval of Minutes** – Myra moved that the minutes of the December 13, 2023, meeting be approved. Maggie seconded and the minutes were approved without objection.

**Public Comments** – None

**Treasurer's Report** – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. Bills to be paid this month include Waste Management, Xcel Energy, Denver Water, Doggie Walk Bags, Honey Bucket, Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Myra moved that the Treasurer's Report be received, and bills paid. Maggie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Parks Manager Report** – Snow was removed, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed in all parks. Weston completed the final Fall clean-up in all parks.

(A) **T-Tract:** The xeriscape was trimmed.

**Old Business – (A) Adopt 2024 budget and set mill levy:** Donna presented the final budget for 2024. The Board discussed the likely higher costs increase challenges for 2024. The Board agreed to maintain the current Mill Levy at the current level of 3.73 mills. Kyle moved to certify the Mill Levy unchanged at 3.73 mills and to approve the new budget for 2024. Myra seconded and the Resolution passed unanimously.

(B) **Discuss the future of the District Board:** With Donna's retirement, the Board is again in need of a Board Member. The Board discussed the future of the District given the retirement of the long-serving treasurer, the nearing resignations or retirements of others, and the **overall lack of interest of the community to commit and serve on the board**. Members discussed various short- and medium-term options, including changes to revenues and expenses, as well as factors to consider before making a formal decision in the new year. The recruiting piece will again be placed in the Reporter.

**New Business – (A) Long Serving Treasurer Retirement:** Donna Snyder's resignation became official with this being her last meeting. No one (not even Donna) can remember how many years Donna has served as member of the Board and as the District Treasurer. But we can verify at least 40 years. We are incredibly sad to see her go but she has definitely earned the right to retire after so many years. She will be profoundly missed. We are so very grateful for her long years of service to the District!

**Future Board Meetings:** The next Board meeting will be **Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.** at Leawood Elementary School.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Debby Baker  
Secretary

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Elementary School

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Elementary School

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Elementary School