

# LEAWOOD METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

## Meeting minutes of March 13, 2024

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

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

**Approval of Minutes** – Myra moved that the emailed minutes of the February 14, 2024, meeting be approved. Maggie seconded and the minutes were approved without objection.

**Public Comments** – (A) Steve Wall attended to learn more about the future of the District and Board listed in the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Kyle explained the challenges that the District faces: funding; Parks Manager and Treasurer changes; and District residents' lack of interest in serving on the Board.

**Treasurer's Report** – Judy presented the Treasurer's Report. Bills to be paid this month include Xcel Energy, Denver Water, Honey Bucket, Weston, Judy (reimbursement for stamps), Peak Honda (ATV service, front tires and battery), Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Maggie moved that the Treasurer's Report be received, and bills paid. Myra seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer transition – The District data on Donna's computer had been successfully removed and converted from DOS to a current format. Further clean-up is needed before the data can be given to the District. An accounting independent contractor has been identified, Judy and Kyle will be finalizing a contract with the contractor and document stating duties and responsibilities. Myra suggested that the Board needs to review the policies and procedures for financial transactions.

**Parks Manager Report** – Snow was removed, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed in all parks. ATV serviced, two new tires and battery. Dave continues to negotiate with Weston to get a new contract before Spring.

**Graffiti continues to be a big problem in all parks.** The graffiti has become more explicit and offensive. Dave is trying to remove the graffiti as he becomes aware of it.

(A) Leawood Park – The iron fence damaged by Honey Bucket has been repaired. The gutters on the Pavilion were cleaned. Vandals damaged the gutter downspout at the Pavilion and will be repaired.

(B) Weaver Park – The dead evergreen tree near the playground equipment was removed and stumps ground. The Ranch pump was removed. A new cement pad was poured for the box controller (sprinkler box)

**Old Business** – (A) **Future of the District Board:** The future of the District and the Board will be an ongoing discussion for the year. Decisions need to be made by the end of 2024. Possible options need to be defined along with the pros and cons of each.

(B) **Document Retention Policy:** Postponed until April meeting due to time constraints.

**New Business** – None

**Future Board Meetings:** The next Board meeting will be **Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m.** at Leawood Elementary School.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Debby Baker  
Secretary

Future Meetings:

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

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Elementary School

Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at TBD