

# LEAWOOD METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

## Meeting minutes of May 8, 2024

The Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Judy Anderson/Vice President/Treasurer, and Maggie Tocco. Other District: Debby Baker/Secretary and Dave Padilla/Park Manager. Visitors: Leawood residents Amanda Albert, Carrie Dupree and Carol Gottlieb and Dutch Creek resident Craig Peterson.

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

**Approval of Minutes** – Judy moved that the emailed minutes of the April 20, 2024, meeting be approved. Maggie seconded and the minutes were approved without objection.

**Public Comments** – Kyle noted the concerns raised by a resident regarding the recent ant-semitic graffiti in the Weaver Park pavilion and poison hemlock in some of the park waterways. Dave noted that the graffiti was being addressed and that Mile High Flood Control (formerly Urban Drainage and Flood Control) is aware of the poison hemlock (this is being seen in many communities) and has indicated it plans to remove the plants.

Three residents introduced themselves and spoke of their potential interest in joining the board, with all three indicating an interest in serving as Treasurer. Kyle said that another resident, David Gross, also remains interested but could not attend this meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Judy presented the Treasurer's Report. Bills to be paid this month include Xcel Energy, Weston, Doggie Bags, Waste Management, AnderKobes CPA (Annual Audit Exemption) Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Maggie moved that the Treasurer's Report be received, and bills paid. Kyle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed speaking with U.S. Bank regarding board member access and control over the District checking account and determining the costs and logistics of having an electronic process for checks.

**Parks Manager Report** – All parks were mowed, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed. The water in all parks will be turned on in two weeks depending on the weather. **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 – Looking for an appropriate tree to replace the one removed.
- (B) Raccoon Hollar – Mile High Flood District (formerly Urban Drainage) will not be available to address the erosion of creek banks in Raccoon Hollar Park until possibly next year.
- (C) T Track – Dave is looking for an appropriate tree to replace the one removed

Maggie moved that the Board authorize Dave to purchase the two needed trees not to exceed \$2,500. The board discussed replacement trees as pine or evergreen trees, and that the caliper for the Leawood tree would be larger given the size of the tree that came down in the storm. Judy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business** – (A) **Future of the District Board:** Due to the resignation of Myra, the Board is now at the minimum number of members (3) required for a quorum (to conduct business).

- (B) **Document Retention Policy:** Maggie will get updated prices to digitize the documents and determine how the costs are determined per box, as well as what size boxes are allowed. She agreed to send the most recent cost proposal spreadsheet and members will review and add

any additional questions. The Board will determine the number of boxes that remain in Directors' homes.

- (C) **Accounting support and contract:** The contractor has presented a contract for Board Members to review. Kyle has reviewed the contract and made one material change (allowing the board to hire others to perform this work and requiring the contractor to acquire prior approval to subcontract the work). Judy or Kyle will work with Keeperly, LLC to finalize the contract.

**New Business – (A) Resignation –** Myra has submitted her resignation. Her work situation has changed, and she will no longer be able to give the time and attention needed to serve.

- (B) **Discuss summer special meeting schedule –** The Board will do a walk through in all parks. The first park will be Leawood on June 1. The other parks will be scheduled at the next meeting.

**Future Board Meetings:** The next Board meeting will be **Saturday, June 1, 2024, 12:00 p.m.** at Leawood Park Pavilion. The Board will meet at 11:00 a.m. to walk through the park.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8.32 p.m.

Debby Baker  
Secretary

Future Meetings:

Saturday, June 1, 2024, 12:00 p.m., at Leawood Park Pavilion

Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Park Pavilion

Wednesday, August 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Park Pavilion