

LEAWOOD METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

Meeting minutes of June 1, 2024

The Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 12:08 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, Carol Gottlieb, Steve Wall and Dave Gross also Dutch Creek resident Craig Peterson.

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

Approval of Minutes – Maggie moved that the emailed minutes of the May 8, 2024, meeting be approved. Judy seconded and the minutes were approved without objection.

Public Comments – **(A)** A resident asked if any of our park trees are affected by the emerald ash borer (an invasive wood-boring beetle from Asia). **Board Response:** This is a threat that the District addressed several years ago when it first became known. Dave is vigilant in checking the parks for any tree disease or pests. So far, Dave has not observed any of the beetles in our parks.

(B) Another resident suggested that the Board look into possible “free trees.” **Board Response:** The Board members will investigate.

Treasurer's Report – Judy presented the Treasurer's Report. Bills to be paid this month include Xcel Energy, Weston, Doggie Bags, Waste Management, Honey Bucket, Roof Core (gutter repair at Leawood Pavilion), Denver Water, Judy Anderson (reimbursement for stamps), Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Kyle moved that the Treasurer's Report be received, and bills paid. Maggie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Judy transferred \$10,000 from the Colo Trust account to U S Bank to pay bills.

Parks Manager Report – All parks were mowed, fertilizer and weed control applied, and doggie bags checked and replenished as needed. The water in all parks has been turned on. **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 – Pavilion gutter repaired.

(B) Raccoon Hollar – By the dumpster there is a substantial portion of a tree down.

(C) T Track – Broken main water line and spray heads need to be repaired.

(D) Kendall Park – Dead and downed trees need to be removed.

Judy made a motion to remove dead trees in Leawood and Weaver Parks

The authorization for Dave to purchase two trees was amended to also include a tree for Weaver Park near the pavilion.

Old Business – **(A) Future of the District Board:** Residents in attendance expressed interest in becoming a Board Member. Kyle explained the responsibilities of the Board. With more residents interested in serving than seats available, the Board will continue to meet with candidates at meetings during the summer and then determine which candidates are still willing to make the commitment. The current Board Members will select the person(s) to be appointed to serve until the next regular election.

(B) Document Retention Policy: Maggie is working to get updated prices to digitize the documents. The cost to digitize is determined by the number of pages. She will send the most recent cost proposal spreadsheet for Board members to review and add any additional questions. The Board needs to determine the number of boxes that remain in Directors' homes. Kyle noted that the District will still need to have a location to store documents that are to be kept in physical form.

(C) Accounting support and contract: The contractor has presented a contract for Board Members to review. Kyle and Judy are working with Keeperly, LLC to finalize the contract.

New Business – (A) Discuss summer special meeting schedule – The Board will do a walk through in all parks. The walk through for Raccoon Hollar is July 10th at 5:00 p.m. Weaver Park, T-Track and Kendall park will be in August.

Future Board Meetings: The next Board meeting will be **Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m.** at Leawood Park Pavilion. The Board will meet at Raccoon Hollar at 5:00 p.m. to do park walk through.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Debby Baker
Secretary

Future Meetings:

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

Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Park Pavilion

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Park Pavilion