

LEAWOOD METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

Meeting minutes of July 10, 2024

The Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 6:14 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 Carrie Dupree, Steve Wall, Fae Gardner and Dutch Creek resident Craig Peterson.

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

Approval of Minutes – Kyle moved that the draft minutes be amended to reflect the Board's decision to apply for a SIPA grant. The minutes of the June 1, 2024, meeting was approved as amended without objection.

Public Comments – (A) Faye Gardner: (1) Suggested to have a representative of each neighborhood (Leawood, Country Farms and Vintage Reserves) be included as a Board member. (2) The wood walkway near the playground and pavilion in Leawood Park should be checked for moving boards that could be a tripping hazard. (3) The trees in Leawood Park along Fair Drive create icy conditions underneath and should not be replaced at the end of life. **Board Response:** (1) Dave will inspect the walkway.

(B) Carole Gottlieb: Two emails were received from Carole with questions, concerns and comments about the June 1, 2024, meeting minutes. **Board Response:** The Board members are in receipt of the first email. The second email was only received before this meeting. The Board accepted one suggestion and are considering the other questions and comments.

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, Denver Water, Keeperly LLC (accounting contractor), USPS (annual box rental), Judy Anderson (reissue check), Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Waste Management and Honey Bucket did not receive the checks that were sent in June. Judy will stop payment on those checks and add that amount to the July payment. All the listed bills will be paid electronically, except Dave's and petty cash. Maggie moved that the Treasurer's Report be received, and bills paid. Kyle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks Manager Report – All parks were mowed, inspected, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed.

- (A) Leawood Park – Dead tree removal and clean-up ongoing. American West Construction (road work on S. Pierce) cut into an irrigation line causing water to flow into the street. The District had Weston repair the line and the water turned back on. Dave is working with Weston to have an invoice for the work ready to submit before the construction company is off the site. The District will also be seeking reimbursement for Dave's time and the water lost. The line has been repaired and the water turned back on. Dave is getting bids to plant a pine tree to replace the large, downed evergreen. The jeep riding toy was damaged and broken off it's spring by vandals. Dave will have the springs removed for both damaged riding toys (jeep and blue whale)
- (B) Weaver Park – Dave is getting bids to plant a pine tree to replace the one removed near the playground. Dave has contacted Mile High about removing the hemlock in the parks, including that which is growing along the sidewalk on W. Weaver Dr between S. Jay Way and S. Kendall St. They will be working on hemlock removal, but not in that area. Dave has contacted their contractor to receive a bid for removal.

- (C) Raccoon Hollar – Two trees have large branches hanging into residents' yards. Blossom Trimming submitted a bid to remove the branches. Judy moved that the bid from Blossom Trimming be accepted. Maggie seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Dave will need to get a copy of the company's insurance certificate before the work can commence. Safety trimming will be done this summer. Weston submitted a bid for the tree trimming. Judy moved that the bid from Weston be accepted. Maggie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- (D) T Track – Dave is getting bids to plant a pine tree replacement for the downed tree that was removed.
- (E) Kendall Park – The bid for safety trimming of Raccoon Hollar includes removal of the down trees in Kendall.

Old Business – (A) Document Retention: The Board voted unanimously to give Maggie the authority to move forward with Rise Business Services to digitize the documents that are ready now. The destruction of those documents is to be postponed until a later date.

(B) **Accounting support and contract:** The contract has been accepted and signed.

(C) **Board appointment procedure:** The residents that have shown interest in being on the Board will be contacted and asked to attend the August meeting when the appointments will be made, and oath of office taken.

New Business – (A) Leawood Park Pavilion storage and picnic prep: The Leawood annual picnic is on August 24, 2024. The following maintenance is to be completed by August 23, 2024, pending Dave's research into costs and feasibility: Repair stucco; Power wash and paint pavilion and surrounding walls, replace missing flagstone on the wall and weed and replenish mulch.

(B) **Discuss summer special meeting schedule:** The Board will do a walk through in all parks. Walk throughs have been completed in Leawood park and Raccoon Hollar. The walk through for Weaver Park, T-Track and Kendall park will be in August, exact date and time to be determined.

(C) **Review By-Laws:** Debby will send a marked up copy of the By-Laws to each Board member.

Future Board Meetings: The next Board meeting will be **Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.** at Leawood Park Pavilion.

On Wednesday, August 7, 2024, the Board will meet at the Weaver Park pavilion at 6:00 p.m. to do a park walk through.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Debby Baker
Secretary

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Park Pavilion
 Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Elementary
 Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Elementary