

Minutes for LEAWOOD METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

Wednesday, Aug 13, 2025
Vintage Reserve Clubhouse
LITTLETON, CO 80123
6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Marci Turaga (secretary), Judy Anderson (volunteer), Ken Leaf (park manager), Steve Wahl (volunteer), Tom Bryant (volunteer), Jesse Opgenorth (board member), Logan McMillan (vice president), Gail Welde (resident), Zack Sack (resident)

Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Vice President, Logan McMillan

Resident Comments:

- Gail Welde - Expressed concerns about beaten paths behind West Hoover Drive due to inappropriate bike/dirt bike use.
- Judy Anderson - Share update on planting plans for Xeriscape and Weaver Raised Beds (main and Chase), goal to fill in bare spots in September
- Jesse Opgenorth - Expressed concern about current sprinkler zones and times near Weaver Playground, graffiti continues to be an issue with Eaton bridge graffiti sitting for over a year without removal.
- Tom Bryant - provided summary of his work to cover wood sign posts with roofing materials to prevent further rot, examined Chase bridge and found it to be in good shape, expressed appreciation for July 19th volunteer day/noticed bare areas
- Zack Sack - Expressed concern about significant poison hemlock near Racoon Hollar, dead still standing w/ seeds dropping. Suggested copper sulfate. Expressed interest in board position.

Park Manager Report:

- Ken Leaf worked 45.75 hours in the month of July. This work included, among other things, trimming various hedges, removing graffiti (noted, pressure washer was ineffective on Eaton Bridge graffiti), met with Mile High Flood Control regarding erosion of Dutch Creek and beaver impact.
- Shared a quote for \$4000 to replace landscape timbers around Leawood Park swingset. Board voted unanimously to approve work being done for \$4000 or less at the discretion of Mr. Leaf.
- Shared recommendation from Cox Landscaping to spray herbicide once more in Weaver, Kendall, and Leawood Parks. Cox agreed to give 10 days notice. Board members requested information on what will be sprayed, a request that only broadleaf herbicide is used in Kendall and Weaver, and that Mr. Leaf work with Cox to ensure appropriate application to prevent herbicide damage and community issues that were sustained during previous spray. Mr. Leaf to follow up with Cox and report to Board.
- Shared update on missing electrical panel on backside of Leawood Pavilion. To follow up with Carole/Excel on Friday.

Treasurer's Report:

- Carole (Treasurer) was absent from meeting. Share virtually that Zelle and ACH are now up and working. \$475k current balance.

Sprinklers:

- Carole shared virtually that this year's costs under Cox are significantly higher than last year (\$19.5k so far compared with \$12k)
- Suggestion made to engage an irrigation system expert
- Judy commented that she has received few texts about leaks this summer suggesting that Cox may be more proactive with fixing and replacing sprinkler heads.
- Jesses requested that Cox map out the sprinkler system, and ensure before and after pictures are provided with every repair/

- Tom recommended pressure regulars at each zone if not already in place.
- Judy reminded the board that we have a past due bill to Weston for \$29k that needs to be paid asap.

Website:

- Marci and Jesse to work on structure and organization for adding board resources and important documents to the website.
- Motion was made to proceed with name.leawoodparks@gmail.com or similar gmail accounts over generic title accounts. Marci and Jesse voted for adopting these emails, Logan voted against with the opinion that this decision is not a priority and does not need to be made now.

Beds & Signs

- Judy presented sign suggestions through email to be posted on pickleball/tennis courts. Board voted unanimously to approve these signs.
- Discussion was held regarding posting a “No Motorized Vehicles” sign. No decision was made.
- Marci suggested putting a pump track in at Kendall to provide an authorized space for electric bikes and scooters.
- Discussion was held on who is responsible for area between T Tract sidewalk and W. Hoover Pl. No definitive answer was found.

Trees/Dams/ Streams:

- Walkthrough took place with Rachel Durkan from CSU (see special meeting notes 7/31 and 8/8). Main recommendation was to clean up trees, plant new ones in open areas (see report)
- Action item: set up walk-through for Raccoon Holler end of August/ beginning of Sept.

Concrete:

- Recommend the board consider polylift quote and grinding joists in Leawood. Board voted unanimously to approve lift of Leawood work.
- Tom recommended the board consider Poly Lift quote (\$1219.20) and grinding joints (\$625) in Leawood. Board voted unanimously to approve Poly Lift for sidewalk repairs in Leawood Park.
- Tom shared that 2.5 foot sidewalk joints need to be ground off in Raccoon Holler due to being a trip hazard. 57.5 feet in Weaver. Requested approval of 60 feet total for \$1500. Unanimously approved by the Board.
- Waiting on developer for replacing concrete in Weaver Park near new construction. Ken shared that Developer agreed to replace concrete. Tom requested cash settlement instead, to bundle work with other concrete projects. Ken to call and inquire.

Cameras/ Surveillance:

- Jesse shared presentation which included suggested deterrents (quick remediation, hours of the park posted), surveillance options for Leawood & Weaver (light pole and pavilion), point tilt zoom cameras recommended
- Ken to provide information on current expenses spent toward graffiti and park clean up

Moving Meeting Time:

- Marci request meetings be moved to 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm. Action items: call Leawood Elementary and necessary local authorities about change.

Meeting Adjourned 8:23pm

Marci Turaga, Secretary