

**Leawood Foundation
Meeting Minutes
AUGUST 17, 2017**

The meeting of the Leawood Foundation took place at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 17, in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

Attendees: Alice Hawk, Mike Best, Susie Rawlings, Chuck Udell, Renny Arensberg, Charles Lusk, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer, James Azeltine and Deb Harper.

Board members absent: Debby Throckmorton, Brandon Scarborough, and Marc Elkins.

Chairman's Report

- ▶ Chairman Alice Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.
- ▶ The minutes from the June 8th meeting were approved.
- ▶ Alice thanked Susie Rawlings for working with Mark Tepesch in IT to update the website. Susie is working on the ENewsletter which will be sent when the website is finished.
- ▶ Alice thanked everyone for attending the Play4All grand opening event. It was well received and a great event!
- ▶ Correspondence received was discussed
- ▶ Pay \$295.00 to Chamber for annual membership

City Update

- ▶ James Azeltine updated the board on the wastewater project. It has been approved by the Council.
- ▶ Damage from the flood of the Parks and Recreation building was discussed. The City is considering sites to relocate.
- ▶ The Fire Chief will estimate the damage due to the flooding. There is a possibility the State could declare an emergency if the losses are great enough. James thanked the Parks and Recreation employees for their tremendous job in handling the damage. Many employees from other departments pitched in!
- ▶ The Ironhorse Golf clubhouse is open to the public. Weddings and events are already booking. It can accommodate up to 225 people, and you can bring your own caterer. Numerous tournaments have been turned away in the past.

Financial Report

- ▶ Mike Best discussed the foundation's finances and shared the June 30, 2017 report. We currently have a balance of \$198,843. Mike stated we have approximately \$3,269 in the Blue Valley checking account to cover smaller expenses.
- ▶ The completion of the 990-tax return has been extended to November 16, 2017. Larry Sowers is the accountant, and he will bill us for services rendered.

Old Business

- ▶ The signage at Gezer Park was discussed. The original idea was to have more in depth information with QR codes. Discussion ensued, and the consensus was to take off the codes for now. The signs look great.
- ▶ Lighting for the Gezer calendar is needed

“Play for All” Project

- ▶ We had great media coverage at the grand opening. Several representatives from the Royals organization attended – including Hud!
- ▶ The additional cost of the surfacing for the project is \$84,500. A motion was made to pay for the extra surfacing, it was seconded and passed unanimously.
- ▶ We will ask the city for their \$50,000 commitment to the project.
- ▶ Chuck Udell asked when the benches donated by Leawood Rotary would be installed. Alice said the City has the benches.

New Business

- ▶ Alice discussed the Duck Derby at Gezer Park on June 17. It was not as successful as years past. Leawood Park and Recreation will probably not hold the event next year.
- ▶ The Play4All donor event will be after November 1st at Ironhorse Golf Clubhouse. There will be video boards of the Play4All area as well as our other projects. Save the date cards will be sent to the donors at the appropriate time. Alice will have more definitive dates at the September board meeting.
- ▶ The Leawood Dog Park donor event will be during the week at 9 am. There will be a large rock with a bronze plaque. Alice will contact the Hall family regarding whether to add their name to the plaque.
- ▶ We will vote on paying the I-Lan signage at the September board meeting. We will also discuss the year end campaign and whether it is effective. We need to decide on our focus going forward for year end.
- ▶ Chuck Udell told the group the Leawood Rotary is working with the city on a “plant a tree” project over the next few years.
- ▶ The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Announcements

- **The November meeting has been changed from November 2nd to November 9th.**
- The **2017** board meeting dates are as follows (all meetings begin at 5:30 in the Main Conference Room at City Hall unless otherwise noted). **Please add these dates to your calendars!**
 - ▶ **September 14**
 - ▶ **November 9**

/s/Susie Rawlings
Susie Rawlings, Secretary