

DPAB Meeting Notes Sept 8, 2014 6 pm Administrative Office Conference Room

Attending: Kathy Brown, Deb McComas, Ada Popek, Helen Neuman, Scott Tilden, David Hansen, Caroline Brinker, Karen Sweeney, Barbara Lyons

Not attending: Missie Russell, Caitlin Kucsan, Greg Hayes

Guests: Rick Collelo, George Weiss

Meetings minutes from Aug. 4, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved. Motion by Ada Popek, second by Helen Neuman.

Orientations are scheduled at least once a month for the next three months. Kathy Brown said she could not help Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> class so Scott Tilden volunteered to help that day.

2014 Projects/Maintenance/Signage:

New benches are in place. Scott Tilden reported there were no benches with backs in the large dog area, so one was moved from the small dog area. More members needing benches with backs utilize the small dog so it makes sense to leave more backed benches in that area.

Signs:

The revisions made to the rules will be sent to DPAB members. Everyone will read and make revisions for the next meeting.

Member Inquiry:

Barbara Lyons, Karen Sweeney and Steph Mason will meet with Mr. Becker to address his numerous concerns.

Incident Reports:

Dana and Lacey: Lacey received a yellow card. Dana's owner said Dana was not hurt. Karen Sweeney discussed the incident with Dana's owners to prevent the situation from occurring again.

Through discussion of incident reports it was noted that as a board we review all incidents and follow up with any immediate action taken by the Township.

A member reminder of rules was sent via email to all DP members. P&R Dept. received thanks for sending it and also had members apologize for some infractions but said they are working to correct those infractions. The overall reaction to the reminder email was positive.

Through discussion board members agreed to establish a "no standing zone" near the gates in all three areas at the DP to help prevent confrontation with dogs entering the park.

George Weiss presented his “Who’s Coming” to the dog park app he so graciously designed and implemented. The app provides a means for DP members to let others know when they are going to the DP. This is a wonderful tool for allowing owners and their dogs that play well together to get together and also avoid situations where dogs do not get along. The DPAB expressed their appreciation to George. After discussion, it was concluded that the app address will not be provided to the general public but that members will share the app address with each other. The address will also be offered to new members when they register at orientation or at the township building.

Members discussed the need for a “Welcome Waggin” member committee. Committee members would be Dog Park Buddies for new members. Members would also plan events at the park for fun, clean up, and education. Several board members agreed to invite DP members to get involved.

Karen Sweeney agreed to look into “Member” and “Member at Large” DPAB positions to clarify voting and term replacement.

Ms. Sweeney reported she has been asked to be a part of a DNR panel addressing dog parks. The Doylestown Dog Park will be a model dog park for the discussion.

Adjourned 8:02.

Motion Deb McComas, seconded by Ada Popek. Unanimous vote.