

## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP DOG PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Notes: Monday, April 4, 2016



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Monthly meeting of Doylestown Dog Park was held on April 4, 2016.

In attendance was: Rick Colello, Stephanie Mason, Kaitlin Steck, Andrew Miller, Lois, Janet, Deb, Kathy, David, and Ada.

We opened the meeting with some clarifications on several issues.

- It was decided all reserved parking spots will be eliminated except for handicapped parking. This is an effort to eliminate unlawful parking.
- It was also reiterated that during Barkminster a 15 minute play time evaluation for prospective members will be permitted for a \$10.00 contribution. We will rotate the play every 20 minutes.

No correspondence was received or discussed.

No formal incident reports were presented however several situations that have recently occurred were discussed.

- Janet indicated that a yellow lab named Kyro is largely ignored by the male bringing him to the bark. The owner chooses to sit at one end of the park ignoring his dog. We are trying to determine who the owners are so that we might have a discussion with them.
- Deb discussed an event that happened where a large dog owner took her dog to the little dog area for a "time out." There were no small dogs present and it was determined that a dog in the large dog side was behaving badly toward Martha's dog and in an attempt to break the "mood" Martha made the decision to remove her dog from the area to give the newer dog time to settle. We discussed that although Martha should not have taken her dog to the small dog side she was trying to do the right thing by allowing a cooling off time for both dogs.

A discussion was had on how many pooh bag dispensers need to be placed in each rotation area. It was decided that 4 mutt mitt holders should be placed in each area. It was also suggested that new "Please pick up after your dog" signs would be posted.

A discussion was had regarding the responsibilities of the dog park board members. This is a volunteer position and the board should not be used to "police" the park. We decided there is value to Peer to Peer communication and it would be effective for board members to present a positive image and gain respect from park members. We also decided that illegally parked cars (non- handicapped cars parked in handicapped spaces) should have their pictures taken showing the car with license plate parked at the handicapped sign. In turn Karen can submit the license numbers to local police for identification. Then letters can be sent to violators warning that violations will result in fog being turned off.

The video camera is now live and signs are posted to make people aware we are using the cameras to review any park violations. Karen made the board aware of some violations and violators that have already been noted.

People are still able to enter through the exit gate. David is working on additional strategies to keep violators from being able to get in through the exit.

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Plans for Barkminister are progressing nicely. Stop and Swap will be displayed behind the raffle ticket booth.

Karen reported to the board that she had scheduled a Family & Fido Flick (movie in the park). DAMC will be our corporate sponsor. She suggested this would be a good opportunity for DPAB member outreach and to be onsite with dog park information. The board liked the idea and agreed to support the activity. The date is July 6 and the movie "Good Boy" will be shown.

We will submit a request to Fanny Chapman Pool to plan our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fido Float. Once again DAMC will sponsor the T-shirts for the event. David will submit proposal to Fanny Chapman soon.

Katlyn presented 3 versions of a new membership drive flyer.

Kathy checked on turf for grassy areas and the cost was not something we can consider. Kathy also has asked someone to treat the tree in the large dog park area for beetles. This has been an issue every year and we will lose the tree which provides shade to the large dogs if it continues to occur.

Bob Popek will take pictures at the Fanny float event.

Deb moved to adjourn the meeting and Janet seconded.