

Dog Park Advisory Board Meeting Notes February 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was held in the Conference Room in the Activity Trailer.

Attending: Kathy Brown, Deb McComas, Donna Cawthorne, Andrew Miller, Karen Sweeney

Guests: N/A

Meeting Notes of January 10, 2022 were accepted and approved on a motion by Deb, seconded by Andy and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: Kathy sent a draft of the February/March edition of Bark Bytes to DPAB members for suggestions to be submitted by the end of the week before distribution to dog park members.

Member Inquiries: N/A

Incident Reports: Karen will prepare a draft to be presented at the next DPAB meeting of a new Incident Report form that can be submitted online.

Dog Park Online Orientation: Kathy commented that Dog Park Orientation should include a stronger definition as to what constitutes a reportable incident. Deb noted that dog behavior can sometimes be subtle or subjective, and can sometimes be expressed as noisy warnings from one dog to another, but which do not qualify as a reportable incident, and therefore better guidance is needed for dog park members. Donna will arrange a date for the Dog Park Online Orientation Sub-Committee to have another meeting, providing the date and time to Karen to publicize on the township website.

Dog Park Equipment Update: Kathy announced that she has received a proposal for the two up-and-over pieces of equipment which she will send to the anonymous donor, who will send in a check that will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, along with the DPAB's proposal to move forward with the equipment purchase.

Dog Park Master Plan: Kathy stated that the Board of Supervisors has requested that a Master Plan be submitted for each township park, which should contain a future vision of the optimum plan for each park. Karen noted that the dog park is unique because it is a park within a park, and therefore the Board of Supervisors asked the DPAB to submit their input for the Master Plan. Kathy commented that this is an opportunity to have input in the future planning of the dog park. She asked each DPAB member to visit dog parks in neighboring communities and research dog parks online before our next meeting to help look at our dog park with new eyes, to suggest what to keep and how to improve our dog park.

General Discussion:

Temporary Handicap Placard: Karen showed the DPAB members a temporary handicap placard that the township issues to members who have a temporary handicap issue, to allow them to park in the dog park handicap parking area not to exceed a specified date.

Orientations:

Thursday, March 3 at 6:45 p.m.: Kathy, Andy, Donna

Saturday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m.: Kathy, Warren, Donna

Saturday, May 7 at 4:00 p.m.: To be determined

Tuesday, May 31 at 6:45 p.m.: To be determined

Adjournment: On a motion by Andy, seconded by Kathy and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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