

Doylestown Dog Park Advisory Board Meeting Notes August 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Kathy Brown convened the meeting in the Conference Room.

Attending: Kathy Brown, Deb McComas, Donna Cawthorne via Zoom, Warren Grant, Karen Sweeney, Caroline Brinker and Riley McKelby. Karen introduced Riley McKelby, Parks and Recreation Program Manager, Doylestown Township.

Visitors / Public Comment: N/A

Meeting Notes of July 10, 2023 were accepted with correction of an incorrect meeting date in the Meeting Notes section. Corrected Notes were approved on a motion by Warren, seconded by Deb and passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence / Information: N/A

Discussion:

- **Fido Float:** Fido Float will take place on Saturday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m. Set-up by DPAB members will take place on September 8 at 2:00 p.m. Karen will confirm T-shirt delivery for volunteers. All non-members will sign a waiver that their dogs are current on all shots and vaccinations. Attendance is by pre-registration only. Karen gave an update on the number of people who have registered for the event so far.
- **Online Orientation:** Ed Ebenbach of the Telecommunications Advisory Board is available in October to discuss preparation of the online dog park orientation. DPAB will prepare a list of questions for him, including asking how many people are needed to finish the project, if it would be possible to video an in-person dog park orientation to use as the on-line orientation, and if test questions could be added to the on-line orientation.
- **DecemberFest:** This DPAB event will take place on Sunday, December 10 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in Pavilion #2 in Central Park. Karen pointed out that no staff will be available to run the event. DPAB will hold a Holiday Costume and Dog Parade and will seek donations from vendors to hand out as treats for the attendees. DPAB members could take cell phone photos of attendees in front of a winter scene or with Santa. Kathy will keep us posted on plans for this event.

Director Report:

- **New Equipment / Surfacing Installation:** Karen reported that due to the installation of new surfacing and drainage, the dog park was closed on August 28 and will be closed on August 29. Plans are underway to have the gate repaired and secured. Extra cameras will be paid for from the dog park fund. They will provide a better view at a lower cost than the current cameras. Damaged fencing will be replaced section by section. The grass will now be mowed by Chris Mason rather than an outside landscaping firm. Kathy stated that the anonymous donor of the new play equipment would like a sign on the equipment in memory of their dog. Karen will ask Chris Mason to get some sign prices.

- **Inquiries / Incidents:** Karen reported that membership has been canceled for a person who brought an unneutered dog to the dog park. She also reported that a box of butcher bones has been removed that had been dropped off at the dog park.
- **P&R Status General Updates:** The Board of Supervisors will consider bids at its next meeting on September 19.

Upcoming DP Orientations:

- **Saturday, September 9th at 4:15 p.m. (revised date)**
- **Saturday, October 7th at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, November 4th at 9:15 a.m.**

Adjournment: On a motion by Deb, seconded by Warren and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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