

DOG PARK SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: June 3, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. Location: Birch Room, City Hall
Members Present: Michelle Dins, Ed Giallombardo, Jamie Rice-Heckendorf, Tom Neal (c), Lauren Henkelman
Excused: Eric Heuser, David Nutting
Others Present: Jamie Polley, Pat Peckham, Susan Schmidt, News Media

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. It was noted that there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Neal at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – **Motion** by Rice-Heckendorf, second by Dins to approve the May 6, 2019 draft minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

Election of Vice-Chair – tabled

Donor List Review – Neal is still looking for the Community Foundation to hold the funds but in the meantime donors can make contributions to the City of Wausau and the Finance Director will handle them. Members divided up the donor list and will make initial contact. If members think of other donors they should email staff who will keep the spreadsheet updated. Discussion occurred about using GoFundMe or Kickstarter website applications so people can donate online using credit cards. Discussion occurred on having a dog park Facebook page and cross promoting with the WAUSdog Facebook group. Giallombardo and Neal will work on these items.

Update on June 1 Humane Society Event – Rice-Heckendorf said the event went well and people were interested in the dog park. She handed out about twenty five flyers. She noted that the twenty-four hour emergency vet, Paw Health Network, is interested in either donating or somehow being involved. Members brought up dog park signage rules. Polley will check to see if there are ordinances regarding vaccinated dogs because as they put the dog park rules together they want to make sure that they are enforceable.

Dog Walk Fundraiser Event – Tentative thoughts were that the event will start and end at Oak Island, the walk will take place along the Rivers Edge Trail, to have the walk on a Saturday morning, to have it in mid to late August, and to charge a small fee with the proceeds going towards the park. Giallombardo thought it would be a good idea to have a picture up at the dog park and it would be more about raising awareness than raising money that day.

Neal discussed the possibility of salvaging the fence near the Great Lakes cheese property. He thought the group could do it as a volunteer effort and use it in the back part of the park. Polley said the materials list needs to be updated. The updated estimate from Security Fence for 1100 linear feet of vinyl coated five foot fencing is \$14,900. The alternate for some decorative fencing is \$17,500. Polley is still waiting for an updated quote from Countryside Fencing. Neal will contact the fence companies because he is interested in the higher costs for decorative fencing only if the fence company is willing to donate that to promote their fences. A person in attendance offered to donate fifteen thousand dollars from their family to be given towards the fencing. Members were grateful and said it gives it legitimacy to the project and will start the ball rolling. Members seemed interested in having a six foot high fence so Polley will get updated quotes.

Polley mentioned that the next Wausau/Marathon County Park and Recreation Foundation meeting is June 18 at 4:00pm if a group member wanted to make a request. Neal and Rice-Heckendorf were interested in attending.

Next meeting Date – July 1st, 2019 at 6:00pm. (tentative time) Neal will not be in attendance at this meeting.

Adjourn - **Motion** by Giallombardo, second by Rice-Heckendorf to adjourn at 7:15p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.