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OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

of a meeting of a City Board, Commission, Department Committee, Agency, Corporation, Quasi-Municipal Corporation or Sub-unit thereof.

Meeting of the:	PARK AND RECREATION
Date/Time:	DOG PARK SPECIAL COMMITTEE
Location:	September 9, 2019 at <u>6:15 pm</u>
Members:	City Hall (407 Grant Street, Wausau WI 54403) Birch Room
	Tom Neal, David Nutting, Michelle Dins, Lauren Henkelman, Jamie Rice-Heckendorf(c), Ed Giallombardo, Eric Heuser

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (All items listed may be acted upon)

- 1 Call the Meeting to Order
- 2 Approve Minutes - August 19, 2019
3. Committee Members Update
3. Physical Park Updates - Temporary Signage, Turf, Fence
4. Promotional Video
5. Events and Volunteers
 - a. Business Interested in Holding Events
 - b. East Towne Block Party-Sept. 14
 - c. Farmers Market-Saturdays
 - d. Dog Walk and Costume Contest - October ?
 - e. Dog Snow Stomp - December ?
 - f. Other Events - Exhibitour-Sept. 28, Harvest Fest-Oct. 5, Scary Skate-Oct. 30, IronBull-Oct. 5 and 19, Etc.
6. Fundraising Updates - Foundations, Businesses, Online Avenues/Media, Other
7. Rule Signage
8. Next Meeting - October 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm
9. Adjourn

Jamie Rice-Heckendorf, Chairperson

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DOG PARK SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: August 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Location: Birch Room, City Hall, 407 Grant St., Wausau, WI 54403
Members Present: Ed Giallombardo, Lauren Henkelman, Jamie Rice-Heckendorf (c), Tom Neal
Excused: Michelle Dins, Eric Heuser, David Nutting
Others Present: Jamie Polley, Susan Schmidt

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. A quorum was present. Rice-Heckendorf called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – **Motion** by Giallombardo, second by Neal to approve the August 5, 2019 minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Fencing Update

Polley said the decorative fence for the front of the park only comes in black so based on committee feedback she ordered an all black fence. It takes four weeks for the fencing to get ordered and she does not have an install date yet. The Great Lakes Cheese fence will not be reused for the dog park.

Temporary Signage Update

Polley updated Committee that she had ordered two signs that should be here in a couple of days. One is a 4 X 8 park sign and the other one is 2 X 4 table sign. Park staff is ready to install the posts and plywood for the temporary sign.

Fundraising Update

a. Foundation and Businesses Outreaches – Neal has sent applications to the Community Foundation, Ed and Joyce Creske Family Foundation and the Clyde F. Schleuter Foundation. He will do formal applications for any Foundations that need them. Polley said currently about \$19,000 has been raised for the dog park. \$15,000 was earmarked for the fence, \$3,300 was earmarked for benches, and about \$540 from the Facebook page. She mentioned that the total cost of the fence is \$18,484.00. Rice-Heckendorf spoke with Katzenbarkers and will get them more information. She will do follow up calls to Henkelman's list.

b. Events – Giallombardo has an idea for a Sunday Funday at Malarky's with a possible silent auction, drink special, 50/50 raffle, or a cutest dog contest. November 17th is a possible date because that is a Packer bye week. If they want to just have a table and advertise before the event they could do that on other dates. Henkelman checked into the Wednesday and Saturday farmers markets and received permission to have a table in a certain area. Rice-Heckendorf will continue to work on simpler graphics and other information for a pamphlet. Other events for the table and advertising at include the Thursday farmers markets, Artrageous weekend on September 7 & 8, Exhibitor on September 28, Harvest Fest on Oct. 5th, the Park Departments Scary Ice Skate event on Oct. 30th, and a possible snow stomp in December at the dog park or an alternate site. Members discussed getting video footage of the park. Neal said the East Towne neighborhood group that had been interested in doing a walk is having a block party on September 14th which may be an opportunity for Committee to advertise at. Rice-Heckendorf wondered if they should hold the dog walk at the end of September or mid-October. Henkelman liked the October idea because they could put the dogs in costumes and have a contest. Members really liked that idea and thought they could possibly have a walk on October 26th or 27th. Rice-Heckendorf will check to see when the Humane Society's October walk is so they aren't competing with it. Polley said staff can put all the events on a calendar for the next dog park committee meeting.

Rule Signage

Signage for parking and the rules was discussed. Polley mentioned that parking is now allowed on 4th Street. She will verify what the City's ordinance is for dangerous dogs and also for clean-up. She will discuss what the liability wording should be with the City attorney. Some of the rules members liked were that dogs had to be properly licensed and vaccinated, dogs be required to wear a visible owner identification tag on their collar, dogs must be under visual contact and voice control of the handler at all times, children under the age of 16 not allowed without a supervising adult, no more than three pets per dog handler, no female dogs in heat or puppies under four months of age, no skateboards, scooters or similar, professional dog trainers are not allowed to use the facility to conduct business, no tobacco, drugs, alcohol or e-cigarettes are allowed in the dog park, fill in holes the dogs make, and that violators will be subject to removal from the park and suspension of park privileges. Members wanted to add a rule that dogs are healthy and parasite free. Discussion occurred on what the maximum weight for the small dog area should be with

the range seeming to be no more than 22 to 25 pounds. Members decided to not have a height rule for small dogs. Rice-Heckendorf mentioned that one of the rules on the Rib Mountain sign has State wording that dog owners are legally and financially liable for injuries or damages caused by the dogs. Polley mentioned that the police department will do periodic checks at the dog park. Staff can do a rough draft of the rule sign and put the City and park logo's on it. Eventually they will have a different park sign. Rice-Heckendorf thought that a good idea was to have various different kind of pick-up after your dog signs around the park that would capture people's attention.

Next Meeting – Monday, September 9th, 2019 at 6:15pm.

Adjourn – **Motion** by Giallombardo, second by Neal to adjourn the meeting at 6:39pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.



CITY OF WAUSAU

DOG PARK RULES AND OPERATIONS

FUN FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG!

- Park Hours are 6:00 am- 11:00 pm.
- Dogs must be properly licensed, vaccinated, and wearing a visible owner identification tag.
- USE OF THE OFF-LEASH DOG PARK IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HANDLER. THE OFF-LEASH DOG PARK IS NOT STAFFED. OWNER WAIVES LIABILITY TO THE CITY OF WAUSAU FOR ANY INJURY OR DAMAGE CAUSED BY PET. OWNERS ARE SOLELY LIABLE FOR INJURIES OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THEIR DOG(S).
- Dogs must be under visual contact and voice control of the handler at all times. A dog is considered under voice control if it will come when called. Dogs are never to be left unattended. Permission must be granted by each handler for dogs to play or interact with another dog.
- Handlers must remain in the area with their dogs at all times.
- Each handler must clean up and dispose of dog feces in a sanitary manner, as per City Ordinance. A trash barrel is provided at the park.
- Dogs that have been declared dangerous, as per City Ordinance or potentially dangerous in any community or that have a history of aggressive behavior are not allowed in the Off-Leash Dog Park. Any dog that exhibits aggressive behaviors must be removed immediately by the handler.
- Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving the Off-Leash Dog Park. A dog may not be leashed within the Off-Leash Dog Park except for immediate removal. The handler must keep the leash on their person at all times.
- Children under the age of 16 are not allowed in the Off-Leash Dog Park without a supervising adult, very young children are not recommended to be inside the Off-Leash Dog Park.
- No more than 3 pets per dog handler are allowed in the area at any given time.
- Female dogs in heat or puppies under 4 months are not allowed in the park.
- Dogs must be healthy, and parasite free. This protects all dogs and promotes responsible veterinary care.
- No rawhides, food (dog or human), glass bottles, strollers, carriages, bicycles, chairs, skateboards, sleds, scooters, or similar allowed in the dog park.
- Fill any hole your dog digs. Dogs and people in the dog park may be injured if they step into a hole.
- Professional dog trainers are not allowed to use the facility to conduct business.
- This park is tobacco, vaping e-cigarettes, drugs and alcohol free.
- The small dog area is limited to dogs that weigh no more than 22 pounds.
- City of Wausau Municipal Code, Section 9.20 and Chapter 8.08 applies to this Park. City Ordinances will be enforced. Violators will be subject to removal from the park and suspension of park privileges.
- This park is for everyone, please be considerate!

Dial 911 in the event of an emergency.

Parks, Recreation & Forestry Office: 715-261-1550



Wausau & Marathon County
**Parks, Recreation
& Forestry**

SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 -Farmers Market	5 -Farmers Market (400 Block)	6	7 -Artrageous Weekend -Farmers Market
8 Artrageous Weekend	9	10	11 -Farmers Market	12 -Farmers Market (400 Block)	13	14 -East Towne Neighborhood Block Party -Farmers Market
15	16	17	18 -Farmers Market	19 -Farmers Market (400 Block)	20	21 -Power Boat Races (Bluegill Bay Park) -Beer and Bacon Festival (Fern Island) -Farmers Market
22 -Power Boat Races (Bluegill Bay Park)	23	24	25 -Farmers Market		27	28 -Exhibitour -Farmers Market
29	30					

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 -Farmers Market	3	4	5 -Farmers Market -Harvest Fest -IronBull
6	7	8	9 -Farmers Market	10	11	12 -Farmers Market
13	14	15	16 -Farmers Market	17	18	19 -Farmers Market -IronBull
20	21	22	23 -Farmers Market	24	25	26 -Dog Walk? -Farmers Market
27 -Dog Walk?	28	29	30 -Scary Ice Skate (Marathon Park) -Farmers Market	31		

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Farmers Market
3	4	5	6 Farmers Market	7	8	9 Farmers Market
10	11	12	13 Farmers Market	14	15	16 Farmers Market
17 Funday Sunday at Malarky's	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 -Holiday Parade	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				