

DOG PARK SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: December, 2nd, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. Location: Birch Room, City Hall, 407 Grant St., Wausau, WI 54403

Members Present: Jamie Rice-Heckendorf (c), Tom Neal, David Nutting, Lauren Henkelman, Susan Schmidt

Others Present: Jamie Polley

Members Absent: Ed Giallombardo, Michelle Dins

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.

Approve Minutes – October 28, 2019 and November 4, 2019 – **Motion** by Neal, second by Henkelman to approve the October 28, 2019 and November 4, 2019 minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

Physical Park Updates – Installation of the fence was delayed due to weather and the wet ground. This project is first on the fence company plans as soon as the ground thaws in the spring. The timing will work better because Department staff is working with the Public Works Department on laying out the parking lot over winter, installing the water line and concrete pad, grading the parking lot and graveling it in the spring. The fence is expected not to take more than three days to be installed. Polley discussed the water fountain and said it will include a water bottle filler.

Fundraising Updates – Rice-Heckendorf reported that \$1,094 was raised at the Malarkey's event and members thought it went well. Polley reported that with the \$20,000 included from the City Capital Improvement Project funds, the total raised is about \$88,900. Neal will reach out to another foundation and will report back on that request. Rice-Heckendorf has given sponsorship information to the Wausau Pet Sitters group and is also in discussions with Katzenbarkers. Rice-Heckendorf is going to check with Dins to see if she wants to remain on the Committee and if not will check to see if any of the alternates are interested.

Wausau Holiday Parade – December 6, 2019 – The dog park group will be walking along with the Park Department's float and personnel. Rice-Heckendorf will bring the table sign and members can take turns carrying it. Any one is welcome to bring their dog to walk also. Members discussed the parade route meeting location and other logistics. Rice-Heckendorf will create a flyer that can be handed out. She is also interested in finding a dog costume to wear. Polley will see if any dog related sounds/music can be included with the Park's playlist.

Future Events – Rice-Heckendorf said they had discussed having a winter stomp at the Dog Park but without a fence they will consider alternate locations. Neal thought they could do some smaller type asks such as donation jars on counters at businesses or food vendors.

Next Meeting – Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Items to be discussed include rule signage and other signage.

Adjourn – **Motion** by Henkelman, second by Neal to adjourn at 5:20pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.