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OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Meeting of the: **PARK AND RECREATION
DOG PARK SPECIAL COMMITTEE**
Date/Time: **August 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm**
Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street, Wausau WI 54403) Council Chambers**
Members: **Tom Neal, Sarah Watson, Lauren Henkelman, Jamie Rice-Heckendorf(c), Ed Giallombardo,
Susan Schmidt**

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

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Approve Minutes - July 6, 2020
3. Physical Park Update
4. Fundraising Update
5. Signage Discussion and Possible Action
6. Next Meeting - To Be Determined
7. Adjourn

Jamie Rice-Heckendorf, Chairperson

This Notice was posted at City Hall and emailed to the Daily Herald Newsroom on August 14, 2020 @ 1:30 pm

Other Distribution: News Media, Council, Rosenberg, Goede, Polley, Alternate Members-Megan Ginery, Shannon Thomas, Brian Fendos

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DOG PARK SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: July, 6th, 2020 at 6:25 p.m. Location: Birch Room, City Hall, 407 Grant St., Wausau, WI 54403

Members Present: Jamie Rice-Heckendorf (c), Lauren Henkelman, Tom Neal, Sarah Watson

Others Present: Jamie Polley

Excused: Ed Giallombardo, Susan Schmidt

1. 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.
2. Approve Minutes – February 24, 2020 – **Motion** by Neal, second by Henkelman to approve the February 24, 2020 minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 4-0.
3. Physical Park Update – Polley reported that water should be installed at the end of the month. Staff will be putting in the concrete pad for the water station and will get the parking lot graded. The fencing is scheduled to be installed the first week of August. Public works has bid out the parking lot paving and the concrete curbing with another local job. The dog park could possibly open without the paved parking lot if everything else is in place but Polley didn't have an exact date yet. She said there was really good turf establishment on the majority of the park and staff is aware of the areas that need some extra seeding and care. Temporary fencing could be put around certain areas for turf establishment that wouldn't affect large areas of the park and this is something that would be done on a regular basis anyway after they see some wear and tear. Heckendorf is hopeful that they might be able to open at the beginning of September.
4. Fundraising Update – Heckendorf reported they received a commitment from Katzenbarkers to sponsor a bench, some of the waste stations, and would also possibly like to sponsor some of the agility equipment next summer. Neal will keep the Community Foundation who is one of the donors informed about the project as they requested. Heckendorf noted that Timekeeper Distillery is still interested in doing a fundraising event at some point maybe even something that could coincide with the opening of the park. Neal thought the group was close to their fundraising goal and could seek the rest out from individuals. Heckendorf commented that Brian provided an update that their fundraising efforts for naming the park had stalled because of Covid but they are back at it trying to build some momentum. She felt it was likely they might not see the funding from him this year but didn't have a problem with waiting until next year. She didn't want to wait too long but with the way this year has gone she felt it wasn't a problem if naming it didn't occur until next year. No other members expressed any concerns.
5. Signage Discussion – Signage needs includes a sign on the fence facing 4th Street stating there is additional parking behind the park courtesy of Bark Academy because the street between the park and Bark Academy is not a public street but a private business drive. Other signs needed are a main rule sign, donor board, additional signs for parking, and signs throughout the park reminding people to pick up after their dogs. Polley said staff will put together the signage and bring it to Committee to review and then staff can figure out the best way to do each one either in-house or by ordering. Polley noted that the no parking signs along 4th Street will be taken down so there will be parking there as well as in the front parking lot. Polley said if any of the Committee had any ideas about the signs such as Heckendorf's about the fun reminder signs that the Rib Mountain Dog Park has about picking up after dogs to email her and she will work on doing something similar but unique to the park. Discussion occurred on the different ways that the donors could be listed. Polley will put together the donor sign and bring it back to Committee for review.

Heckendorf mentioned that Katzenbarkers is interested in having a sign on the waste stations they are sponsoring with their logo if possible. She thought some of the benches would have sponsor signage as well. Heckendorf questioned if they should have a temporary name sign. Polley thought "Wausau Dog Park" along with the City logo could be on the rule sign and serve as the entrance sign. When the park is dedicated with the "Two Hearts Dog Park" that will be more of a named sign over the top of the entrance. Polley mentioned the Wausau Police Department K-9 Officer would like to see the rules sign before it is put up and Polley will add any suggestions they have.

6. Next Meeting – August 3rd, 2020 at 6:00pm.
7. Adjourn – **Motion** by Henkelman, second by Watson to adjourn at 6:46 pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 4-0.



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.

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Just Pick It Up and Move On

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DOG
POOPS**

You Scoop!

there
is **no**
poop
fairy!



Please clean up after your pet

- Dog waste does not biodegrade like wild animal waste; it sticks around a long time.
- It contains harmful bacteria, pollutes groundwater and smells disgusting.
- Help keep parks and trails free of poop by picking up your pet's waste and disposing of it properly.



SANTA CLARA
COUNTY PARKS

County ordinance requires cleanup of pet waste (Sec. 814-34.11C)