



**Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks
Wednesday, August 18, 2010
Meeting Notes**

1. Welcome/Introductions

Co-Chairs Cathy Zamazal & Mark Modory welcomed the group

2. Review progress to date

- Current dog parks progress
 - Carlisle Family Dog Park
Jon Rudie reported that the fee box has been moved to new location. The new shade structure has been erected by the summer youth crew. No update on the commemorative brick entrance.
 - Warren Close Bark Park
The maintenance gates are now operational.
 - Old Settlers Park
Yutka Fence donated and installed a sally port and the Division of Parks employees and summer youth crews erected the fence. Jon requested that recognition be given to Yutka Fence on the website. Erin will also prepare a certificate.
A Grand Opening date for all three parks will be planned for a Saturday in September. Erin will contact Dr. Carlisle family and Warren Close family to plan the date.
- Fundraising progress
Cathy reported that the fundraising event was postponed to a future date. The committee needs to seek more volunteers to assist with this event.
- Website update www.co.kenosha.wi.us/publicworks/parks/dogparks
Karen Rudie reported that the website is going very well. There have been some negative posts to the Facebook page. Safe Harbor will send Karen a photo of a dog for the "Adopt A Pet" section on the website.
Erin announced that she has confirmed three sponsorships for the website:
 - B&J's Pampered Pup
 - Wolf Merrick Animal Hospital
 - Shel- Ray Pet Shalet

Items have been attached to the dog parks fence by others advertising various services and events. These are to be taken down.

Mark asked that Erin update the listing on DogParksUSA.com website to include the Kenosha County dog parks.

- Dog Parks T-Shirts – Cathy has extra t-shirts available for purchase.

3. Discussion on fee structure/update on purchasing dog parks tags

Cathy reported that several municipalities have agreed to sell the yearly dog park tags.

A dog license is required in order to purchase a dog parks tag.

A dog license must be purchased at the municipality of residence and cannot be sold at the dog parks.

Mark reported that City Council is reviewing a special ordinance that may allow more pets in a household.

4. Discussion draft bylaws for “Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks”

Tedi Winnett reviewed the proposed bylaws. Edits were made to various sections. The draft bylaws will be made available on the website and voted upon at the September meeting.

5. Discussion draft mission and vision for “Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks”

Tedi reviewed the draft mission statements and vision statements. The following were agreed upon:

Mission Statement:

To actively support and sustain the off-leash Kenosha County Dog Parks, where well behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment.

Vision Statement:

To provide a beautiful and well-maintained public space open to dog lovers and friends who will uphold the dog park's rules and regulations; to view the dog parks as a community project in partnership with the County of Kenosha and area civic organizations that satisfies the needs of dog owners and non-dog owners alike.

6. Next steps:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30pm at the Kenosha County Center building. The meeting was changed due to the Primary Election on Nov 14. Jon will contact a Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff to join the meeting at 7pm to discuss appropriate volunteer responses while on “park patrol.”

The proposed bylaws will be voted upon and election of officers will be held.

Future meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of each month:

October 12

November 9

December 14