



**Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks  
Wednesday, July 21, 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 fence is complete and they are working on the drainage issues. Youth workers will be putting together trail shelter structures in the large and small dog areas. The path for handicap accessibility will be addressed after the drainage issues are resolved. No update on the commemorative brick entrance.
  - Warren Close Bark Park  
The park is now open. Youth workers planted arborvitae and other trees donated by Swartz Nursery. The missing hardware for the maintenance gates will be fixed. Trail shelters for large and small dog areas will be built.
  - Old Settlers Park  
Fencing will begin next week. Two Eagle Scouts are building kiosks – one for Old Settlers and one for Warren Close Bark Park. The dog park will be closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend each year due to parking constraints.
- Fundraising progress  
Erin reported that she has met with Stephanie Caputo regarding a fundraising event. “Dog Days of Summer” will be held August 21 from 10a – 10p (rain date August 29). This will be a carnival theme with vendors invited. The plan is to have dog demonstrations, farmer’s market and dog-related vendors. It will be held at Petrifying Springs right outside of the Carlisle Family Dog Park. All proceeds will go to the dog parks.  
Many volunteers will be needed to assist with the event. Volunteers are asked to wear the Dog Parks Volunteer t-shirts. Information will be posted on the website.

**It was decided to hold a special meeting to plan for this fundraising event –  
Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30pm**

An idea suggested was to give a free dog parks tag to anyone who adopts a dog at the “Dog Days of Summer” event.

- Website update  
Karen Rudie reported that the website is maintained by Kristen Lie (Kenosha County UW-Extension). The website is: [www.co.kenosha.wi.us/publicworks/parks/dogparks](http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/publicworks/parks/dogparks)  
Coming soon is a “Pet of the Month” – anyone can submit stories and photos of their dog. The goal is to change this monthly.  
Another idea is have an “Adopt a Pet” where various shelters can post dogs that are up for adoption.  
Jon announced that there will be sponsorships available on the website. This will generate revenue for the dog parks.

Mark shared that other dog parks have established “membership levels” – individuals purchase “gold, bronze, etc..” levels of membership for the dog parks.

Jon explained that sponsor signs are appropriate to have on the fencing at parks. The goal is “not junk up” the parks with visual pollution.

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

One group is a social networking group for dogs – a “meet up” event. It’s good to see various groups using the dog parks, but not appropriate to hang signs on the fences.

- Dog Parks T-Shirts – last call for ordering is tonight.  
Mark reported that he not able to get the buttons made as previously thought. He presented an alternative idea – an ID tag attached a lanyard. The lanyard is a bright color and the ID tag is a bright plastic – durable tag. The words “Dog Park Volunteer” can be printed on the lanyard – 100 will be \$176.  
The ID badge can be designed using our logo and any choice of wording. Mark talked with JR Graphics for the pricing and designs.  
Mark suggested that the Friends group would purchase the tags and give them to volunteers.  
Tedi Winnett recommended that this item be placed on a future meeting agenda – later in August or September.  
Discussion was held on the term “Volunteer” or “Monitor”

It was suggested that a County Deputy Sheriff be invited to a future meeting to discuss how best for volunteers to interact with guests at the dog parks.

### **3. Update on purchasing dog parks tags**

Cathy reported that several municipalities have agreed to see the yearly dog park tags. The dog tag is a red metal tag and has a unique id number.

The dog parks tag will be available August 16.

As of tonight the dog parks tag will be available from:  
Village of Paddock Lake

Village of Twin Lakes  
Town of Randall  
Town of Wheatland  
Kenosha County Clerk's office  
Elected Officials office at the Kenosha County Center building

A daily fee pass will be available on the "honor system" at each of the dog parks for those without a dog parks tag.

Question was asked if it would possible to sell dog parks tags at the Petrifying Springs golf club house. Jon will check into this.

The dog parks tags are valid for one year – January through December. The dog parks tags purchased now through December 2010 will be good through December 2011.

Signage will be posted at each dog park.

#### 4. Draft Organizational Structure for "*Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks*"

Tedi Winnett distributed a proposed structure to include:

##### **Executive Committee:**

- Co-Chairs (elected) will develop the meeting agendas; lead/guide the meetings; and recruit workgroup chairs/co-chairs.
- Secretary/Treasurer (elected) will take meeting minutes; collect funds and deposit with Division of Parks; maintain financial records; and prepare correspondence on behalf of Friends group
- Kenosha County Parks General Manager
- Kenosha County Office of County Executive Representative

##### **Workgroups:**

- Fundraising/Events
  - Develop & implement fundraising strategies
- Operations/Volunteer Involvement
  - Develop strategies for "operations" (i.e. maintenance, volunteer recruitment)
  - Develop process for volunteer involvement (help w/ "park patrol")
- Public Relations/Publicity
  - Identify appropriate publicity strategies
  - Develop a display
  - Assist with development of website (identify what should be included)
  - Consider developing a Speakers Bureau to speak at other community groups
  - Take photographs & write articles for press releases and website content

Tedi suggested that the Friends group consider including youth members and dog breed organizations. She will present a draft set of bylaws for the next meeting. The draft bylaws will be available on the website before the next meeting.

## **5. KC Dog Parks Rules and Behavior Expectations (Petiquette – “play nice” guidelines)**

Tedi reviewed the updated behavior expectations. Behavior Expectations are guidelines that dog owners will be asked to follow. These expectations will make the dog parks a fun, safe experience for all dogs and dog owners. They will be handed out when a person purchases a dog parks tag.

It was suggested to add an introductory paragraph at the beginning. The website and locations of dog parks will be added to the end of the document. It was suggested that a \* be added to those expectations that are also Rules that are enforceable.

Bob Hollander moved to approve the Behavior Expectations as presented and edited. Jon Rudie second. Motion carried.

## **6. Next steps:**

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 18 at 6:30pm** at the Kenosha County Center building.

Future meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month:

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14