



Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks
Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Meeting Notes

1. Welcome/Introductions

Co-Chair Cathy Zamazal welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Review progress to date

- Current dog parks progress
The Division of Parks maintenance staff is working hard to get all issues addressed at the dog parks. The disposal bag dispensers are being installed at each of the parks.
 - Carlisle Family Dog Park
The County Board will vote on approving the official name “Carlisle Family Dog Park” tonight at the County Board meeting.
 - Warren Close Bark Park
The goal is to open this park by the end of July – weather depending. Half of the gravel has been delivered.
 - Old Settlers Park
The County Board will vote tonight to make this a permanent dog park. Jon Rudie will contact Yutka Fence regarding the fence installation.
- Fundraising progress
Jon will follow up with Stephanie Caputo regarding a fundraising event.
An artist who makes dog-themed jewelry is willing to allow the group to sell items.
Donations at the dog parks have tapered off.
- Website update
Tedi reported that the website is current and will be the site for meeting notes and agendas. The website is: www.co.kenosha.wi.us/publicworks/parks/dogparks
- Dog Parks T-Shirts are available tonight for those who pre-purchased them.

3. Name the mascot contest

Ballots were distributed to those present. Votes were tallied and the winning name is “Woofie.” The person submitting this entry will win a prize.

4. Dog Parks tags available for purchase later this summer

Yearly dog park tags will be available for sale. The dog tag will be a colored metal tag and have a unique id number. Municipalities will be contacted to ask if they are willing to sell the dog parks tags just like they sell the dog license. A daily fee pass will be available on the “honor system” at each of the dog parks.

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

Tedi explained the difference between the “rules” and the behavior expectations. The rules are enforceable and have been reviewed and approved by the County Corporation Counsel. 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. Both rules and behavior expectations will be given to owners who purchase the dog park tags and will be posted at each of the dog parks.

It was suggested to combine #3 and #9 on the Dog Parks Rules – these are very similar rules related to dog leashes and could be combined into one.

Dr. Carlisle explained the advantage of the minimum vaccinations recommendation.

6. Transition to “Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks”

Tedi explained that the group will transition from a “Planning Committee” to a “Friends” group. The Co-Chairs will develop the meeting agendas. The group will set up its own organizational structure, but continue to be connected to the Division of Parks. It was suggested to maintain the current committee structure (Fundraising/Events; Operations/Volunteer Involvement; Public Relations/Publicity). The group will need to elect officers to provide leadership. Tedi offered her assistance to continue to work with the group through the transition.

7. Other updates:

- Volunteers would like to have buttons to wear when volunteering at the dog parks.
- An Eagle Scout is currently building a kiosk at the Old Settlers Dog Park in Paddock Lake. Jon is looking for additional individuals to build kiosks at the other dog parks.
- Dr. Carlisle is willing to write a regular “Vet’s Corner” article for the website.

8. Workgroup Updates:

- **Fundraising /Events:** nothing to report
- **Public Relations/Publicity:** the group will contact the winner of the name the mascot contest
- **Operations/Volunteer Involvement:**
Nick reviewed the Volunteer Expectations. Discussion was held on suggestions for editing. It was suggested to invite a Deputy Sheriff to attend a future meeting to discuss how volunteers can communicate and share information with the deputies on patrol duty. It would be helpful to ask deputies for their input on the Volunteer Expectations.
Dr. Carlisle and Barry agreed to do a future training on how to handle aggressive dogs.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 21 at 6:30pm at the Kenosha County Center building.

The meeting will focus on establishing organizational structure.

It was suggested that future monthly meetings be a “set date/time” each month. The 2nd Tuesday of each month is being considered.