



**Kenosha County Dog Parks Planning Committee**  
**Monday, May 10, 2010**  
**Meeting Notes**

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

Co-Chairs: Mark Modory & Cathy Zamazal welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.

**2. Review progress to date**

- Mark reported that he referred the request to make Old Settler's Park dog park a permanent site to County Board Chairman Mark Molinaro. Supervisor Mike Underhill reported that he hopes the process will go through smoothly.
- Jon Rudie reported that the donation box collections are down – perhaps people think that money is no longer needed since the fundraising goal has been met.
- Kristen Lie (UW-Extension) has done an excellent job on the website.
- Dustin Grutzik from Yutka Fence Company shared that even though they lost the bid for the dog park fencing, they would be willing to donate a new gate for Old Settlers Park and that they would be willing to donate a significant portion of the fencing at cost. They want to contribute to the community and support the dog parks.
- Fencing will be installed at Petrifying Springs and Warren Close Bark Park very soon.
- Commemorative brick entrance at Petrifying Springs dog park - Terry Wolf distributed the order brochure. The form should be added to the website.
- Dog Parks T-Shirts are being ordered – all orders need to be placed with Cathy as soon as possible

**3. Name the mascot contest**

Jon reported that he will appoint a committee to review the entries. Volunteers are asked to collect all the donation jars placed throughout the community. The winning entry selected will win a donated basket.

**4. KC Dog Parks Rules and Proposed Petiquette**

- Individuals will be required to purchase a yearly dog park tag or pay the daily fee to use the dog parks. The proposed fee structure needs approval by the County Highway and Parks Committee.
- Jon reported that there will be two distinctly different documents:
  1. Dog Park Rules – these are rules that have been “approved” by Corporation Counsel and would be enforceable
  2. Petiquette – these are suggested guidelines to make it a safe, enjoyable environment for all dogs and peopleDiscussion was held on two issues:

- No tobacco or people food products allowed
  - Dog treats – should they be allowed? Feedback was mixed.
- Jon will talk with Corporation Counsel regarding adding language to existing Dog Park Rules about no tobacco products or people food permitted.
- Mark presented a proposal for a fee structure to the County Board Highway & Parks Committee. He received the recommendations from the Operations/Volunteer Committee
    - \$20/dog, add \$5 per dog up to 3 dogs total
    - Non Resident - \$25 -- \$5 each additional tag
    - Senior citizen and disabled individuals -- \$10, \$5 each additional tag
    - Daily fee-- \$2.00

Discussion was held. It was suggested that a box be put inside the “pre-lease” area so that it is more visible. Many believe that individuals do not see the box.

#### 5. Other updates:

- Mark is working with someone to get Dog Park Volunteer buttons made
- Cathy announced that she knows someone willing to make jewelry that could be used as a fundraiser
- Mark announced that he sent information to the Boy Scouts encouraging Eagle Scouts to consider the dog parks for a community project
- Disposal bag dispensers have been ordered for all the dog parks – pet waste stations

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

Discussion was held on how the group will transition from a “Planning Committee” to a “Friends” committee. The group would set up its own organizational structure, but continue to be connected to the Division of Parks. Tedi offered her assistance to continue to work with the group through the transition.

#### 7. Workgroup Updates:

- **Fundraising /Events:**

Stephanie Caputo will work with the workgroup to hold a large fundraising event this summer. She will also work with the Parks intern.

Shel-Ray has offered space to our group at the dog expo to set up a table and solicit donations

Dr. Carlisle will write a letter to local vets encouraging them to consider donations for the commemorative brick entrance or other needs of the dog parks.

- **Public Relations/Publicity**

The group would like to recruit volunteers to walk in the Twin Lakes Memorial Day Parade and the LibertyFest parade in Twin Lakes on July 3. These parades would be good public relations for the dog parks. Another idea is to sell Paws biscuits at these events to raise money.

- **Operations/Volunteer Involvement:**

Discussion was held regarding developing “Pet-etiquette” guidelines that would be distributed when individuals purchase their dog park tag.

It was emphasized that daily users must be able to show proof of rabies tag. Vaccines will be recommended before a person could purchase a dog parks tag.

Volunteers would like to encourage anyone serving in a “volunteer” role at the parks to purchase a Dog Parks T-shirt and wear them to be visible. They would also like to recommend hats for volunteers.

Volunteer roles need to be identified. What is expected of volunteers at the dog parks?

It was suggested to ask a dog trainer to help volunteers recognize aggressive dog behavior. Barry and Dr. Carlisle volunteered to do this.

Information on first aid for dogs should be on display at each of the parks.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30pm at the Kenosha County Center building.