



Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
Minutes of Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions
Co-Chairs Kathy Zamazal and Mark Modory welcomed the group
11 members, 6 guests were present
2. Our guest speaker, Deputy Tim Hackbarth from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department attempted to clarify how the Dog Park Rules coincide with County Ordinances. We need to identify exactly which ordinances apply (ie: unlicensed dog, trespass, theft of services, unlawful entrance into parks, dogs off leash, failure to pick up after your dog) and the exact corresponding fine (fines vary from \$5.00 - \$452.00). The deputy suggests that we speak with the judges who have jurisdiction in Somers, Salem, and Randall or Twin Lakes and with his captain. He suggests that we determine whether dog park volunteers will be working with Village deputies or County deputies. Before leaving Deputy Hackbarth promised to follow up with the ordinances and to copy the dog licenses and daily fee envelope to help educate his fellow officers.
3. Old Business
 - a) Park Maintenance and Improvements
 - ~ Carlisle Family Dog Park
Jon Rudie reported that his staff is much lower this time of year. Preventing the little dogs from getting under the gates is pending. Over seeding filling in of the ruts has been done. We are disappointed that the path from the parking lot to the gate has not yet begun. We would like to coordinate with Terri, but we don't know the current brick status.
 - ~ Old Settlers Dog Park
Items for the kiosk must be posted by a park employee through Jon's office.
 - ~ Warren Close Bark Park
The park district asked for and was paid for the labor, equipment and material needed for the gravel parking lot.
Jon estimated that we will need \$5,000 - \$7,500 next year for maintenance and poop bags.
 - b) Facebook updates
Guest John Schlater voiced his displeasure with having to pay to use the dog parks and having to follow the rules.
 - c) Other Updates
Mark has ordered the lanyards and ID tags and hopes to get some safety vests donated by the Sheriff's department.

4. New Business

- a) Picnic Tables are old and splintered and have wrought iron legs. Dogs are being injured when they run into the tables. Jon Rudie offered to switch out these tables with some tubular legged tables to hopefully remedy this problem. Mark suggested that our long term goal is to get tables that are “recommended for dog parks” which in his catalog cost \$1,095 each and are safer and maintenance free.
- b) Leash cutting/grand opening is scheduled for Dec. 4th. We hope to serve coffee, juice, hot chocolate, donuts, dog cookies.... We are planning for photos with Santa to follow the ceremonies. Jon volunteered his Santa suit. Mike Goeble volunteered to use Jon’s suit and be Santa at Carlisle and Mark Modory will work on getting a Santa and a second suit for Warren Close. Kristen designed 6 different fliers for the leash cutting and we voted to use the first one which Kristen will reformat and spell-check ASAP and have fliers available with Karen at the front desk. We will pick up fliers and distribute them to stores, veterinarian offices, pet shops, rescues, libraries, cleaners, etc. It was suggested that Kristen also design a flier for the Santa photos. It was suggested that we sell park tags at these events. Lourdes Brownlee volunteered to make the decorations and backdrops for the Santa photos. Members of the Friends of the Kenosha County Dog Parks will be on hand to serve and support. Carlisle festivities begin at 8:00 a.m. and Warren Close festivities begin at 10:00 a.m.

5. Other Business

- a) Bob Hollander asked that we discuss the large dog/small dog division of Old Settlers Dog Park at the next meeting.
- b) Bob Hollander and Dan Cesario moved that we rent a portable toilet for Old Settlers Dog Park for the months of November, 2010 through April, 2011. Lee Ann Peterson seconded. Jon Rudie will relocate one at Carlisle.
- c) Jon Rudie reminded us that the Paddock Lake Pet Parade is coming up and offered to donate a few gift baskets to Karen Harris and Cathy agreed.
- d) Jon Rudie provided our first general ledger showing year to date totals of income and expenditures. He also provided the total dog tag sales as of 9/27/2010 of 466.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Future meeting will be the second Tuesday of each month:

November 9

December 14

January 11

February 8

Meeting notes compiled by Susan Hollander