



Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks
Tuesday, September 7, 2010
Meeting Notes

1. Welcome/Introductions

Co-Chairs Cathy Zamazal & Mark Modory welcomed the group
12 members were present

2. Review progress to date

- Current dog parks progress
 - Carlisle Family Dog Park
Jon Rudie reported that the kiosk has been built by an Eagle Scout. The coating on the fence is wearing away and Jon will be contacting Century Fence regarding this issue.
 - Warren Close Bark Park
An Eagle Scout is working on building a kiosk for this park.
 - Old Settlers Park
No progress to report.

Discussion was held on putting up a sign at the dog parks that state there is a \$250 fine if you're present without a dog tag. Ideas included asking Deputy Sheriffs to write warning tickets; volunteers could give out "warning cards" that alert people to the fine. Volunteers felt it would be easier to enforce the dog tag policy if a sign is present.

- Fundraising progress
Jon reported that \$650 have been collected in the daily fee boxes since August 16th. Karen suggested that this item be included on future meeting agendas in order to plan for the "*Dog Days of Summer*" fundraising event.

Discuss was held regarding ideas for future fundraising:

- Halloween costume contest and/or a dog parade
 - Photos with Santa for Christmas
 - Mark will be selling dog parks tags at the Shel Ray Pet Fair Sunday, Sept 12. Idea discussed was to sell dog leashes/collars.
- Website update www.co.kenosha.wi.us/publicworks/parks/dogparks
Future items for the Facebook page should be send to Jennie Tunkieicz (jennie.tunkieicz@kenoshacounty.org) and items for the website page should be sent to Kristen Lie (kristen.lie@kenoshacounty.org).
 - Dog Parks T-Shirts – Cathy has extra t-shirts available for purchase.

3. Approve "Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks" By-Laws

Tedi Winnett reviewed the edited bylaws. The following changes were proposed:
Article IV – Executive Committee Section 5: Vacancies

Change “of” to “from.”

Article V – Meetings Section 1: General Meetings

Change to read “*The Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks will hold monthly meetings. The annual meeting will be held every September.*”

Mark Modory moved to approve the by-laws as proposed. Bob Hollander second. Motion carried.

4. Election of officers

Bob Hollander moved to elect Mark Modory and Cathy Zamazol as Co-Chairs. Mary Ellen Close second. Motion carried. Mark agreed to serve a 1 year term and Cathy agreed to serve a 2 year term in order to begin “staggered” terms for the Co-Chair roles. Mark will serve October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011. Cathy will serve October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2012.

LeAnn Peterson moved to elect Sue Hollander as Secretary/Treasurer. Jon Rudie second. Motion carried. LeAnn will serve a 1 year term – October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011.

5. Set date for “Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting” at each dog park:

Jon proposed Saturday, December 4 – the 1st anniversary date of the parks being “open.” Jon will check with the County Executive’s office. Discussion held regarding having this “leash cutting” at the Warren Close Bark Park and the Carlisle Family Dog Park along with photos with Santa.

Discussion was held on purchasing lanyards with tags identifying Volunteers. Suggestions were to include language that gives more “authority” than the word Volunteer. Consider “Monitor” or “Dog Park Official.” Mark will work with Jon to get an order placed. They will discuss this idea with Corporation Counsel to see advice on words that imply more “power.” Also ask Corporation Counsel if volunteers can distribute a “business card” that states “Warning – Kenosha County Ordinance requires all dogs to be licensed. The fine for unlicensed dogs is \$250. The idea is to issue a warning to give people a chance to purchase their dog license and dog parks tag. Also include on card the message that the revenue from dog park tags help maintain KC dog parks. Also include this message on the website and Facebook page.

6. Other Business

Include PSA (public service announcement) in local media to invite others to attend future meetings. Recruit individuals to serve as “park volunteers”. Ideas discussed included contacting RSVP to see if they will recruit additional volunteers.

Meetings can continue to be announced on the website and Facebook page.

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

October 12

November 9

December 14

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Meeting notes compiled by Tedi Winnett