DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP DOG PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Notes: Monday, March 7, 2016



In attendance for our meeting on March 7th were: David, Karen, Barb, Kathy, Captain, Deb, Janet, Andrew, Kaitlyn, and Ada.

We opened the meeting with Janet making an objection to the notes from the previous month's meeting regarding an incident report that was presented at the Feb. meeting. Janet felt that it is the responsibility of the board to hear and discuss any complaints, including those that reference board members. Kathy voiced her opinion on the role of board members to be viewed as supportive, positive representatives at the park and not be expected to "police" the park and its members while present with their own dogs. There was a brief discussion as to how much "supervision and reporting" is expected of board members vs. quietly reporting offenders to the board for resolution.

Karen brought up the issue of increasing membership at the park and how to bring additional awareness of the park to the community. Karen also suggested that we have a "movie night" this summer on July 6th and invite members of the community as well as their 4 legged friends to attend a viewing of the movie "Good Boy". The board approved the suggestion (movie will be free with donations being accepted). David will check with DAMC to see if they would be interested in sponsoring the event.

Paul updated the board on the security camera being placed at the entrance of the dog park. It will record for 90 days with Karen reviewing the tapes in the event there is a known park violation.

It was brought to the attention of the board that the front exit gate is in need of repair. David indicated he was aware of the problem and has ordered the part for repair.

Barb Lyons brought to the attention of the board that township employees cannot be expected to run events and work additional billable hours for private events.

Kaitlyn agreed to design a flyer to recruit new members to the park. We will place the flyers in stores, libraries or any other venue available to draw attention to dog owners in the greater Doylestown area.

In our discussions regarding Barkminister a suggestion was made to have the rotation area open for prospective members to bring their dogs in for a 30 minute "trial" evaluation of the facility.

Fido floats will be scheduled for Sept. 10, 2016.

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The last matter of discussion was to establish several dates for Barkminister discussions. We agreed that anyone available is asks to join an informal meeting on 3-14-16, 3-29-16, and 4-19-16.

Meeting was then adjourned.