

## **Doylestown Dog Park Advisory Board Meeting Notes**

January 22, 2018 5:00 p.m. Conference Room in the Trailers

**Attending:** Kathy Brown, David Cochran, Andrew Miller, Warren Grant, Barbara Lyons, Deb McComas, Kaitlyn Finley (P&R liaison), Caroline Brinker, Donna Cawthorne, Katelynn Steck (via phone).

**Guests:** Paul Gordon and guest from BCPC.

**Bike and Hike Trail Update:** Paul addressed the changes to the Bike and Hike Trail in Doylestown and Warrington and what will change at Turk Park. The plan is to improve and continue the path from 611 up to Turk Park with a crossing of Almshouse Rd. across from the Correction Center. A path will continue from Almshouse Rd. along the current cinder road leading to the dog park and connect the trail past the dog park to King Park and Kelly Rd. in Warrington. The path will then continue around Turk Park to the corner of Turk and Almshouse Rds. The King Park parking lot will be connected to the Turk Park trail near the concession stand of King Field.

Kathy suggested continuing the trail by the dog park to attach that trail to the King Field parking lot so dog park members can utilize the trail from the parking lot to the dog park.

David mentioned that the crossing at Almshouse Rd. at the Correction Center is very busy and could potentially be very dangerous. Paul said it would be well marked with a crosswalk and warning markers.

**Election of Officers:** The members unanimously elected the Officers for 2018:

Kathy Brown, Chairman

Deb McComas, Vice-Chairman

Donna Cawthorne, Secretary

**Welcome New Board Members:** New members Warren Grant and Donna Cawthorne were welcomed to the Board.

**Meeting Notes** from November 6, 2017 were approved on a motion by David, seconded by Andrew, and passed by unanimous vote.

**Correspondence and Member Inquiries:** N/A

**Incident Reports:** The Board discussed Incident Reports submitted by two dog owners regarding a problem that occurred on January 8, 2018. An injury occurred to an owner using an incorrect method of separating two fighting dogs at the entry gate. It also came to light that one owner brought two dogs to the park, one of whom was not registered with the township. The Board discussed guidelines given during dog park orientation classes that were not followed by both owners during this incident. After discussion, the Board voted to recommend that both dog

owners should be required to re-attend the Orientation Class and that their key fobs will remain off until Orientation is attended, and that the un-registered dog should be registered.

**Projects / Events:**

- Bicentennial Project: Members approved the details on the Dogs Around Doylestown flyer, which will now be posted to social media and on the bulletin board at the DP.

**Updates:**

**Orientations:**

- February 7, with Board Member attendance by Deb and Donna
- March 3, with Board Member attendance by Kathy, Deb and Warren

**Events and Fundraising:** N/A

**Other Business:**

- **2018 Goals:** Kathy will make a presentation to the BOS on February 6. She will show photos of DP improvements, the Dogs of Doylestown flyer, and address DP problems.
- **Canine Classes Update:** Susie Danzis will conduct future classes at the Salem United Church of Christ in Doylestown. All agreed that it will be a good location for the classes.

**Orientations - All at Borough Hall**

Schedule:

- Wednesday, February 7 at 5:00 pm
- Saturday, March 3 at 10:45 am
- Wednesday, April 4 at 5:00 pm
- Friday, May 4 at 5:00 pm

**New Business:**

Kathy asked Board members to bring suggestions to the next meeting on how to remind DP members of the DP rules. She suggested an email blast, or requiring members to re-attend the Orientation as a refresher course after a certain period of time as a DP member. It was pointed out that it is difficult to find the DP Rules on the township website.

Certain ongoing DP problems were discussed:

- unremoved dog droppings
- dog aggression problems at the entry gates
- large dogs in the small dog area
- unregistered dogs using the DP

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Dave, seconded by Deb, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.