



DOG PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Notes – June 17, 2013

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2013 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: Kathy Brown, Helen Neuman, Melissa Russell, David Hansen, Scott Tilden and Karen Sweeney.
- Guests:

Following discussion concerning incidents and incident reports protocol/procedure at the dog park, the group recommends the following when incidents occur:

Humans:

If a member chooses to disregard the dog park rules:

1st incident the key fob will be turned off immediately and the member must register and attend orientation for a second time. The key fob will remain turned off until orientation is attended.

2nd incident will lead to termination of membership.

Dogs:

If a member's dog is involved in an incident involving aggressive behavior all involved will have key fob use suspended pending further investigation. All parties must submit an incident report.

Appeals must be scheduled to be heard at a regularly scheduled DPAB meeting.

Scott Tilden requested moving the large dogs to the rotation area more often when the large dog area is muddy. The group agreed with the idea and suggested DPAB members can make that call and notify Karen when the switch is made.

It was noted it would be nice to make needed improvements to the big dog area when the area is not being used.

The fountain in the big dog area is leaking again.

Karen Sweeney said she would notify Dick John for repairs.

Building a deck of Treks or other composite material around the fountain area was discussed.

Kathy Brown said she would look into donations from Sequoia Supply.

Scott Tilden requested the IT person add "dogpark" at the end of www.doylestownrec.com.

Scott suggested that would simplify the process of getting to the dog park information on the township website.

The group agreed the Spring Celebration was a great success. Next time more advertising would help. The raffles were incredible and thanks to the Hanson's and Dr Mantell for the micro chipping.

Helen Neuman questioned how funds are held and savings/earned money versus maintenance money for the dog park. Kathy Brown said she would request a maintenance cost breakdown from Dick John.

Kathy Brown requested 4 new signs the Board voted on and approved last meeting stating: *Keep Our Park Safe For All. Report inappropriate behavior to info@doylestownpa.org.*

For the record Karen Sweeney thanked David Hanson for his work with the dog park tennis ball holders.

Future activities at the park were discussed. It was determined activities every other month would work well starting after the 1-year anniversary.

Karen Sweeney suggested offering Dog First Aid.

Karen Sweeney also mentioned that K9jym will work with us in offering fun activities at the dog park. The Canine Frisbee Competition will be held at Turk Park.

Kaitlyn Finley will send out monthly reminders to members regarding shot renewals to keep membership current and active.

Shade for both large and small off-leash parks was discussed in depth. Missie Russell provided brochures with numerous options. It was determined the group's preference is a 20' x 18' cantilevered shade structure with a forest green top for the small and large dog areas. Brett Hadaway from Designed For Fun has offered to work with us on structure selection and purchase.

Kathy Brown will work with Missie to advertise the shade campaign at the park, online and throughout the community.

With no other comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy Brown