



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: October 5, 2015

In attendance were: Karen, David, Barb, Deb, Scott, Lois, Ada, Helen, Janet and Paul.

Minutes from the Sept. meeting were approved.

A major topic of conversation was the emergence of Kennel cough in the area and the report of 7 dogs have reported to be positive for the disease. This strain of kennel cough appears to be resistant to the current vaccination. After discussions with our consulting veterinarians we have made the decision to close the park for 2 weeks. An email was sent to park members informing them of the concern that the board has regarding other dogs becoming infected and how to recognize symptoms of the disease. Members of the board cleaned all solid surfaces with disinfectant and hopefully by waiting 2 weeks we will see an end to the increase in reported cases. We are hopeful park members will report any dogs who are ill to the board. DAMC provided info on kennel cough which we will post on our website. A protocol was established regarding any future outbreaks of disease. That protocol includes: contacting our veterinarian partners for recommendations, scrubbing all surfaces, closing the park for an appropriate timeframe, and keeping the park closed (with notification to members) until our vet partners deem it safe to reopen.

A pretzel tray was delivered to DAMC to show our appreciation for their continued support during the Fanny swim and other events. We welcome their continue support and advice on park matters.

A letter was introduced to the board from a park member suggesting that having water bowls in the park where multiple dogs drink from is a health risk. A suggestion was made that anyone who wants to bring their own water bowl for their individual dog is welcome to do so. We have decided to continue providing water bowls for the dog population.

Shade structures have now been installed in both the large and small dog sides of the park.

Paul brought a recording camera in to show the board members what the camera is capable of doing and to discuss costs. Paul felt that the approximate costs would be \$300.00 (\$500.00 max). Deb made the motion to have the camera installed and Scott seconded the motion. Paul and Janet will put a donation letter together for the finance committee.

Date for Howl-o-ween is Oct.24th from 10:00 to 1:00. Karen asked for volunteers to help with set up and the event.

David reported that Fido Float was well received by the Fanny Capman board. The Dog Park will donate \$200.00 to the Fanny Chapman organization to show our appreciation of the use of their facility.

Orientation for Oct. has 17 people registered. Janet will assist with the orientation class this month.

We have 4 trees being donated to the park. 3 trees will be placed on the large dog side and 1 on the small dog side. Feeneys will be donating the trees.

Ada moved to adjourn the meeting and Deb seconded the motion.

Next meeting November 2, 2015 at 6:00PM.