

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP DOG PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Notes: Monday, November 2nd, 2015



The regular meeting of the Doylestown Dog Park Advisory Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2nd, 2015 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: David Hansen, Helen Neuman, Deb McComas, Scott Tilden, Janet Stavrides, Ada Popek, Karen Sweeney and Caroline Brinker
- Guests: Joseph Hebert

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The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Stavrides and second by Ms. Neuman

Visitors:

Joseph “Captain” Hebert was introduced to the group and spoke to us briefly about his perceptions of the dog park, the people who frequently go, the board members, and his interest in being more involved.

The Captain was responsible for getting 4 trees for the park and surprised us with the good news that he believes he can get 3 more trees delivered in the spring. The board discussed the need for the new trees to be watered more aggressively and a suggestion was made to be sure and thanks the providers of the trees as well as the township personnel who planted them.

Correspondence:

Several thank you notes were acknowledged to the board regarding the recent outbreak of Kennel Cough. It appears most members concurred with the way the board handled the situation. We will be placing signs in the park asking members to rinse the water bowls upon entering and leaving the park to make sure we keep our dogs as safe as possible. We had 12 dogs reported as having kennel cough at our park.

Incidents: No incidents were reported.

Ongoing / Old Business

Shade Structures:

The shade structures are in place and completed. A note of appreciation will go to the maintenance township crew who did a great job!

Members Providing Access to non-members:

A concern was raised once again about members letting non-members into the park. It is important everyone is vigilant as we do not want dogs who are not vaccinated in the park

Barkminster:

Barkminster was once again discussed with an emphasis on activities for the event as well as fund raising projects. A silent auction for the Bark Spots (1 for big dogs and 1 for little dogs) will be drawn at Barkminster in May. Meanwhile, members were asked to give some thought as to how to get the word out.

Cameras:

Janet and her husband have graciously decided to donate the supplies (cameras, etc.) as well as their time to providing surveillance cameras at the entrance gates. They are working on it and will see that the installation is done on a timely basis. A sign will be posted notifying non-members and members that surveillance cameras are being used to observe any unlawful acts.

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Stop and Swap:

On Dec. 6th from 11:00 to 3:00 an event called Stop n Swap will take place at the park pavilion. Anyone who has unused or slightly used dog items (beds, clothing, leashes, food bowls, books, etc) can bring those items to the park so that a swap to those who may need these items can occur. Although there will be no monies charged a donation can be given. Several of the board members will "staff" several tables with the items to make sure everyone has the opportunity to participate.

Orientation:

An orientation session will be done on Nov. 21st with Helen and Ada assisting David. It is scheduled for 3:30. New ways to attract members and drive membership us were also discussed.

Adjournment:

Being no further business the meeting adjourned on a motion by Ms. Stavrides and second by Ms. Popek.