

Dog Park Advisory Board Meeting Notes June 1, 2020 at 5.00 p.m.

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 virus and the Stay at Home order issued by Gov. Wolf.

Attending: Kathy Brown, Deb McComas, Donna Cawthorne, Andrew Miller, Warren Grant, Katelynn Steck, Kristen McCoach, David Cochran, Karen Sweeney, Caroline Brinker, Nancy Santacecelia, Stephanie Mason

Guests: N/A

Meeting Notes of March 2, 2020 were accepted and approved on a motion by Andrew, seconded by Deb and passed by unanimous vote.

The meetings of April 6, 2020 and May 4, 2020 were cancelled due to the coronavirus.

Correspondence: N/A

Member Inquiries: N/A

Incident Reports: N/A

Projects / Events: None currently

Other Business:

"Yellow" Reopening Protocol: The Board of Supervisors has approved a recommendation by Karen to reopen the dog park on June 5, 2020 with certain conditions, in coordination with Bucks County moving from the red to yellow phase of reopening in response to the coronavirus. The Dog Park Advisory Board is supportive of the decision to reopen the dog park. The conditions were derived from Karen's conversations with various professional colleagues. The conditions allow members to use the dog park at their own risk, requires social distancing of 6', requires the wearing of face masks or coverings, permits a maximum of 12 members per side or 25 maximum for the dog park, and would be open to current members only with no guests permitted. The dog park will be shut down at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department if there is non-compliance with the conditions. Dog Park Advisory Board members agreed to speak with non-compliant members or contact Karen if non-compliance is seen. Karen will post signs at the dog park and send an email blast to members to announce the reopening, set out the conditions to use the dog park and suggest that members use the app to sign up for visit times.

Survey: The Board decided to delay issuing the survey until the dog park has been back in use for a period of time.

Spotted Lanternfly: Kathy and Chris Mason met with Bob McMullin of Keystone Tree Experts to discuss his recommendations for control of spotted lanternflies in the dog park's trees. The next control action will take place in July and August. Kathy will post signs at the dog park to inform members of the plan of attack to prevent loss of the trees. Dog Park Board members will also share the plan with members when concern arises. Stephanie said that the Environmental Advisory Council has spotted lanternfly educational brochures available to dog park members.

Fido Float: The Dog Park Advisory Board hopes to hold the Fido Float on September 12 as originally scheduled. The Board will have attendees follow current social distancing requirements in place on that date, and if needed, will have them sign up for a time slot to attend to prevent overcrowding. Caroline will add the item Fido Float to the agenda of the Doylestown Borough meeting on June 15 to seek approval for the event.

Orientations - Doylestown Township Community Meeting Room:

Saturday, June 20th at 10:00 a.m.: Kathy, David, Donna

Wednesday, July 8th at 6:45 p.m.: Kathy, Andrew, Kristen

Adjournment: On a motion by Andrew, seconded by Warren and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.