

## **Dog Park Advisory Board Meeting Notes** October 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 virus.

**Attending:** Kathy Brown, Deb McComas, Donna Cawthorne, Warren Grant, Kristen McCoach, David Cochran, Caroline Baker, Nancy Santacecelia, Stephanie Mason

**Guests:** N/A

**Meeting Notes** of August 3, 2020 were accepted and approved on a motion by David, seconded by Warren and passed by unanimous vote.

**Correspondence:** N/A

**Member Inquiries:** N/A

**Incident Reports:** N/A

**Projects / Events: Fido Float Recap:** Kathy conducted a discussion to evaluate the recent Fido Float event of September 12, 2020. The Board agreed that the event was highly successful. It was agreed to continue requiring pre-registration, limit the number of dogs per session, hold two swimming sessions for large dogs, add a third session for large dogs if pre-registration warrants it, and keep the sessions the same length at one hour each. Discussion took place regarding use of the instructional pool, and if we use it next year to describe it on the registration form as the pool for strong swimmers. The Board agreed that taking T-shirt orders at time of registration works well, and would allow for handing them out during the event. This will be discussed with Karen to determine if this works for the Township and for sponsor Doylestown Animal Medical Clinic. The Board agreed to keep prices the same in 2021 for event registration and T-shirt purchase. Kristen suggested creating a viewing area or visitor spot where interested people can watch the sessions. This will be discussed with Jim Foster, Manager of Fanny Chapman Pool.

### **Old Business:**

**Video Subcommittee - website / orientation:** Kathy reported that she revised the Orientation presentation so that the pictures advance automatically. Stephanie and Nancy discussed contacting intern Matt to obtain his video presentation of Fido Float and find if he's available to continue work on the Orientation presentation.

**Survey:** The Board agreed to send out the survey now to dog park members with a link on the website as well for those not responding through Survey Monkey. Kristen will send an email to survey author Katelynn Steck, asking her to send it to Karen, Kaitlyn and Andrea, who will promote it through social media. Response time will be two weeks, with a reminder sent after November 3rd.

**New Business:**

**2021 Goals:** Kathy asked members to be prepared to discuss new goals during the January 4, 2021 meeting. Nancy suggested holding quarterly social events.

**Maintenance Items:** Donna reported poison ivy in a tree enclosure in the large dog section, and will send an email to inform Karen. Deb reported several holes in the new small dog section, and will send an email to Karen. Stephanie noted that it's important to notify Karen about maintenance issues so that she can have Chris repair them and eliminate liability issues. Kathy stated that there is a plan to institute standard maintenance days at the dog park, so people would know when to expect equipment and workers or that the park will be closed.

**Orientations - Doylestown Township Community Meeting Room:**

Saturday, October 17th at 9:15 a.m.: Kathy, David, Donna if needed

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Deb, seconded by David and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.