

Dog Park Advisory Board Meeting Notes November 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Attending: Kathy Brown, Donna Cawthorne, Warren Grant, Kristen McCoach, David Cochran, Karen Sweeney, Caroline Brinker, Nancy Santacecelia, Stephanie Mason

Guests: N/A

Meeting Notes of October 5, 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: Kathy said that once the holidays are over, with spring and summer coming, she would like the Board to think of events that we can hold at the Dog Park.

Old Business:

Video Subcommittee - website / orientation: Stephanie reported that Max is still available for our video projects if we have a specific request. She will ask him for an update and a final cut of his video of Fido Float. Kathy stated that our committee's goal of making a video might be met since a presentation using pictures might work better than a video. The Board discussed using still photos versus video, and decided that using still photos allows us to do future updates to the Orientation more easily. Also, still photos allow the instructor to focus longer on an individual photo during a discussion.

Survey: Kristen will request that Katelynn release the final version of the survey. Karen will email it to Dog Park members, put it on the Township website and on Facebook.

Fido Float Follow-up: Carolyn reported that Doylestown Borough has already confirmed that Fido Float will be scheduled in 2021. She suggested that Kathy should send the Fanny Chapman Board an email in March to officially request approval for Fido Float in 2021. Carolyn also reported that all T-shirts ordered before this year's Fido Float have been distributed. Karen stated that the 13 T-shirts that were ordered after Fido Float have been received and are being distributed.

Dogs Digging Holes: Karen reported that she and Chris Mason inspected the Dog Park the day after last month's meeting where Deb reported several holes dug by dogs. All holes have been filled. Kathy addressed this in the October Orientation, informing dog owners to be sure their dogs do not dig holes. Any Board members observing this behavior should speak with the

dog owner and report the incident to Karen. Karen stated that she discussed this problem with colleagues and found that some dog parks have installed covered containers of dirt with a scoop, with instructions that the dog owner should fill any holes their dog digs. The Board agreed that covered containers should be installed in each area of our dog park being used and that members should be informed in an email that allowing their dogs to dig holes is an infraction of Dog Park rules.

Maintenance: The Board agreed with Kathy's suggestion to apply any necessary systemic chemical landscape treatments when an area is closed for rotation, since the area will not be used by dogs for several weeks. The Board agreed to replace any damaged or dead trees rather than replant the area with grass. Karen reported that the water has been turned off and the timer on the gates has been changed for the winter.

New Business:

Parking: Karen reported that some people have been parking incorrectly at the dog park; some without handicap license plates or placards in the handicap spots and some in the area to the left of the Board member spots. Kathy reminded any Board members who observe people breaking parking or other rules should discuss it with the person and bring it to Karen's attention. Karen remarked that Parks and Recreation is prepared to assist with parking arrangements for people or dogs that are handicapped.

COVID-19 and Dogs: David suggested that we all need to be aware that COVID-19 has been reported in dogs and other animals, with anecdotal but not scientific evidence that humans can spread the virus to animals.

Orientations - Doylestown Township Community Meeting Room:

Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.: Kathy and Warren

No Orientations in December or January.

2021 Meeting Dates/Times:

The January Board meeting has been moved to Monday, January 11, 2021.

There is no meeting in July 2021.

The Board decided to cancel the December 7, 2020 meeting.

The Board agreed to continue to conduct Board meetings via Zoom due to Covid-19, and will resume meeting in the Administrative Trailer once the threat is over.

Adjournment: On a motion by Kristen, seconded by Warren and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m. Kathy wished the Board members good health and happy holidays.

