

## **Dog Park Advisory Board Meeting Notes** February 1, 2021 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, Katelynn Steck, Kristin McCoach, Karen Sweeney, Caroline Brinker, Nancy Santacecilia

**Guests:** N/A

**Meeting Notes** of January 11, 2021 were accepted and approved on a motion by Deb, seconded by Warren and passed by unanimous vote.

**Correspondence:** N/A

**Member Inquiries:** N/A

**Incident Reports:** N/A

**Projects / Events:** N/A

### **Business Items:**

**Virtual Training / New PPT / Website – Orientation:** An updated PowerPoint presentation about the Doylestown Dog Park has been prepared by a DPAB sub-committee to be used during Dog Park Orientations in conjunction with a PowerPoint on dog behavior presented by professional dog trainer Susie Danzis. The updated PowerPoint will be used for in-person and virtual Orientations. Kathy emailed it to Board members who commented on it prior to the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Kathy and Kristin worked on the new version via Zoom to see if it will work for virtual sessions. The next step will be for the Board and Susie to meet virtually to prepare final edits. When using the presentation virtually, the presenter will conduct the presentation as usual and a facilitator involve the audience, via a chat throughout the presentation, to keep people engaged and make it more interactive. Nancy suggested adding the Dog Park app, and encourage people to use it before each visit to the dog park.

**Survey:** The survey was prepared by Katelynn, approved by the Board and emailed to dog park members on November 5, 2020. Katelynn tabulated the responses and provided a detailed report to Board members during the meeting, followed up with an email report to all Board members. There were 120 dog park members who responded, the majority of which were positive and included comments and suggestions for improvement. Kathy asked each Board member to review the report and email to Katelynn before our next Board meeting what you consider five issues that need to be addressed. Warren commented that this is the first time that dog park members' opinions have been sought. Kristin suggested sending an email to the membership thanking them for their responses and that additional evaluation by the Board will take place resulting in further communication with the membership.

**Weather Conditions (closures):** Karen reported that the dog park is closed due to the large snow storm and will remain closed until the road crew has completed storm cleanup on township streets. Nancy asked if Karen can compile data on membership levels and what it costs the township to maintain the dog park for the next meeting.

**Special Events:** Kristin reported on the Dog Rescue Sub-Committee's work to date. Kathy, Kristin and Donna met virtually to discuss how to proceed with the idea of holding Meet and Greet events for dog rescue organizations at the dog park. They will reach out to three local dog rescue organizations to see if they are interested and what needs to be done to hold an adoption event for them.

**Orientations:**

**Saturday, March 6, at 9:15 a.m.:** This is scheduled as an in-person orientation at the Doylestown Township Community Meeting Room. Kathy, Kristin, Warren and Donna are available to attend.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Katelynn, seconded by Deb and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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