

Dog Park Advisory Board Meeting Notes: June 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Doylestown Township Municipal Building, Community Meeting Room
425 Wells Road.

Attending: Kathy Brown, Warren Grant, David Cochran, Caroline Brinker, Nancy Santacecilia and Stephanie Mason.

Guests: N/A

Meeting Notes of April 5, 2021 were tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Correspondence: N/A

Member Inquiries: N/A

Incident Reports: N/A

Projects: No projects currently.

Events: Ms. Brown indicated that she had been in touch with Wags a dog adoption service about hosting a Dog Adoption Day. They indicated to her that the facility where they would hold a such an event has to be a licensed kennel. Places like Pet Supply Plus are stores and kennels, so they can easily hold events.

However, it was suggested that the DPAB could have a donation day where people drop of pet food and supplies to help the underprivileged. Something to talk about at the August meeting.

Business Items:

Dog Amenities: Ms. Brown indicated that she looked at other dog parks that have set up pools. She indicated that it does take some planning especially if you want the same location each summer. To minimize the area being muddy she suggested having a concrete pad added. If not a pool perhaps a sprinkler or splash device. She needs to speak with Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and Recreation, Dave Tomko, Director of Operations and Chris Mason, Park Superintendent about how this could be located at least in the big dog area.

In addition, there was discussion regarding dog amenities, it was noted that other places have them. She said that there are a variety of studies that show the benefits of having amenities available for the parks. She said it changes the dynamics and keeps the dogs happy and from possible fighting. She would like the committee to investigate this further.

Mr. Cochran indicated that the research looks good, if it is viable and reduces the tension among the dogs it is something to be considered.

If the amenities and pool do not destroy the grounds or interfere with maintenance the amenities should be considered.

There was a suggestion about finding someone to donate some concrete to create a pad for a

pool, thereby reducing maintenance.

Ms. Santacecilia questioned the membership numbers and what numbers are at now. It was suggested to count the active key fobs vs. membership. Knowing both would be helpful before investing any funds into amenities or pool etc.

Ms. Brown indicated that she is noted a significant number of key fobs that have been issued at orientations, she believes that is up significantly.

Ms. Santacecilia stressed the importance of knowing the actual number.

Bark Bytes & Newsletter: The consensus of the committee was that the May/June Bark Bytes have not been received. Ms. Brown will follow up with Ms. Sweeney to find out why they have not been emailed out.

It was also suggested that information on hydrating your dog and swimming pool safety for June as well as information on fireworks and protecting your dog would be in the next Bark Bytes emails.

Orientations, Doylestown Township Community Room:

Thursday, June 10 at 6:45 p.m.: Ms. Brown and Mr. Cochran will attend.

Tuesday, July 6 at 6:45pm: Mr. Grant and Ms. Brown will attend

Saturday, August 14 at 4:00pm: TBD

Further Items for Discussion:

Fido Float: September 11, 2021 – some advertising has begun, more advertising is needed. It was suggested to go back to those people who participated last year and make sure they have the date and information as things fill up, having a limited number of people and dogs was helpful last year.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Dog Park Advisory Board will be Monday, August 2nd. There is no July meeting due to July 4th.

Adjournment: Being no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.