

**Dog Park Advisory Board Meeting Notes:** August 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was held at Pavilion 1 in Central Park.

**Attending:** Kathy Brown, Deb McComas, Donna Cawthorne, Andrew Miller, Warren Grant, Kristin McCoach, Lisa Pearsall, Nancy Santacecilia

**Guests:** N/A

**Introduction:** Kathy introduced Lisa Pearsall, Recreation Program Manager for Doylestown Township.

**Meeting Notes** of August 2, 2021 were accepted and approved on a motion by Kristin, seconded by Andrew and passed by unanimous vote.

**Correspondence:** N/A

**Member Inquiries:** N/A

**Incident Reports:** N/A. Kathy reported that people are making good use of the Dog Park, including watching their dogs and calling them to attention.

**Projects / Events:** None currently

**Sunshine Law Update:** Kathy reminded the group that any topics discussed at a meeting must be on the posted agenda in order to take action if funds are involved.

**Business Items:**

**Bark Bytes & Newsletter:** Kathy reported that the latest release of Bark Bytes is ready to be sent out to the Dog Park membership.

**Online DP Orientation:** Online Dog Park Orientation will be a new focus, which will enable rolling orientation and enrollment of new members. Kathy reported that once the narration is prepared, Ed Ebenbach and Aaron Walizer will record the narration to the slideshow. Each section of the Orientation will be followed by a brief quiz, with correct answers required before continuing. Andrew asked about the process for those with limited computer access and Kathy responded that access is available at the library. In-person Orientations could continue to be held periodically, but Online Orientation could be a quicker option for completing the process of becoming a new member and being able to use the Dog Park.

**DP Orientation Recording (part 1):** Kathy will record the picture tour part of Orientation. Kristin and Donna will prepare the modules based on the current content.

**Special Events:**

- **Fido Float:** The annual event will be held at Fanny Chapman Pool on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., with set-up scheduled for Friday, September 10 at 2:00 p.m. All attendees will be preregistered, and sign-ups are currently online. Two people are permitted per dog. Kathy reported that T-shirts for volunteers have been difficult to get this year. Any extras will be offered for sale on a first come first served

basis. Lisa noted that the township has several T-shirts from previous years, and Kristin suggested that they be offered for sale for donations. Andrew will provide plastic bags with his company's logo for attendees to carry t-shirts and any items donated by area businesses and organizations.

- **Rescue Group Days:** Kathy reported that any dog rescue organizations wishing to participate in a Dog Rescue Group Organization Day at the Dog Park must provide the township with a Certificate of Insurance. The WAGS rescue group chose not to do that. The subject can be pursued if any other rescue groups respond to Kristin's email to participate, but the DPAB won't make any further contacts at this time.

**Dog Amenities:** Kathy noted that we've improved the dog park for people, but there have been no recent improvements for dogs. She suggested installing an obstacle area of used truck tires for the dogs to climb on and under, securing them by embedding them in the ground. Kathy contacted contractor A.H. Cornell for used tires. She will also contact the township and borough. Deb suggested drilling holes in the tires to promote drainage before embedding them. Nancy will see if she can find an Eagle Scout troop looking for a project. The members in attendance were supportive of the project and suggested installing them in one section of the dog park to start.

**Orientations, Doylestown Township Community Room:**

**Thursday, September 9 at 6:45 p.m:** In-person orientation: Kathy and Warren

**Saturday, October 2 at 4:00 p.m:** In-person orientation: Kathy will send an email to see who can cover this orientation session.

**Saturday, October 30 at 2:00 pm:** Kathy and Kristin

**Saturday, November 20 at 4:00 pm:** Donna

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Andrew, seconded by Deb and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.