

Hannah's Bark Park Advisory
Minutes June 26, 2018

Present: Lynn Simons, Ryan Longoria, Sue Gamble, John Dinse, Anne Heideman

Absent: Mark Stuldreher Anne Heideman

The meeting began at 6:00 pm.

Membership Update: 247 members and sixteen weekly memberships. This is the highest it has been and an increase over expectations. There is significant information to indicate Hannah's Bark park is a valuable addition to the community.

Concerns:

Concerns at the park were addressed. There continues to be less than ideal dog waste pickup. This is worsened by members not attending to their dogs. Members are also not respecting the small and large dog park size restrictions. Members continue not to have accessible leashes and to hang them on the fence. We have tried education via signs at the park, through emails, and through Facebook posts, and on the Park bulletin board. We have yet to see a substantial change. Advisory Board members and Members of FDP will continue to speak with attendees and share the rationale for the rules.

Concern was raised about an English Springer dog which has had some aggression. This is being handled with education to the owner at this time.

Concerns were shared with Ryan. It was asked if the park could open before eight in the summer months. There is an issue of staffing to open the park.

FDP Updates:

Friends of the Dog Park group noted they had a Rally which was well attended. Community and donated prizes were dispersed and FDP members were able to practice some agility with their dogs. No new members signed up that day.

Friends of the Dog Park also held a Therapy Dog Event. Free consultation was offered to people who registered for an evaluation of skills and temperament necessary for therapy dogs. Also, an educational seminar was held. Again, there was good turnout and no new members signed up.

Operations and Maintenance:

The park continues to operate and run as normal without issues. The bathrooms in the park are anticipated to be completed by late August. We will likely have some adjustments to make during the construction of the general park update and renovation. The road to the park was resurfaced in June.

Ryan noted more waste receptacles were requested for the park. A thoughtful consideration contributed to a denial of this request as the waste receptacles are numerous and well placed currently. Members will be encouraged to walk to the nearby receptacle. Efforts by maintenance will ensure that waste bags are available.

We adjourned at 6:30. The next meeting will be “doodled “

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Simons