

Hannah's Bark Park Advisory  
Minutes May 20, 2019

Present: Lynn Simons, Ryan Longoria, Margy Reimer, John Dinse, Anne Heideman, Mark Stuldreher

Absent: Sue Gamble

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

**Membership Update:** 223 memberships. Membership continues to be steady and at or above expected levels.

**Friends of the Dog Park** updated the Advisory groups about several items. They are currently seeking bids for lighting in the dog park and will pursue fundraising after that. Ryan noted he can post information about the lighting fundraising on parks pages.

The Dog Park Rally was held May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 2:00. Ten dog contestants competed and earned prizes. One goal of Friends of the Dog Park is to hold events that foster unity in the dog park.

Friends of the Dog Park also adopted nearly a six mile stretch of US 27 and agreed to pick up trash three times per year. It was agreed that the nature of the trash that is disposed is a bit unbelievable. FDP Board noted this is a greater task and cannot be confined to Board volunteers, as more volunteers are needed. Ryan again offered to post flyers when we are ready for our July event. This event is undertaken to support our community and to provide some recognition for Hannah's Bark Park.

**Concerns:**

Concerns at the park were addressed. Members are not respecting the small and large dog park size restrictions. 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 two aggressive dogs in April. Ryan has dealt with this incident, and communicated with one dog owner. The other dog owner is unknown. The member complained again to an FDP Board member, and these issues were brought to Ryan again. Ryan will send a letter to the member who contacted him noting the case is closed. It was again noted that if dogs are involved in a scuffle, that owners should exchange contact information and names at the time of the scuffle, as noted in the membership packet.

Concerns were raised about people sharing key fobs and permitting others to use the park. This is very difficult to detect, or enforce. Ryan did try to query members present during one-time frame but was not able to identify anyone who was using a key fob inappropriately to gain access to the park.

**Operations and Maintenance:**

The park continues to operate and run as normal. The new bathroom is delightful and helpful to visitors at the park. Financials were reviewed for 2018 and estimates for 2019. It is estimated \$8300 will be spent on mowing, weeding, trash removal, snow removal and repairs. Supplies, including key fobs, waste bags and member packets are estimated to be \$2000 per year. Utilities are estimated to be about \$3200 in 2019. This brings to a total estimate of costs of \$13500. Membership revenue is estimated to reduce this by \$7000, and the City and Union Township split the balance, each contributing \$3250 apiece. Union Township reports continued support of Hannah's Bark Park, as does the City. Both entities were thanked by the Advisory Board for their support.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Simons