

Hannah's Bark Park Advisory
Minutes November 2, 2020

Present, and (virtual location): Lynn Simons (Lake, MI), Ryan Longoria (Mt. Pleasant, MI), Mark Stuldreher (Union Township, MI), Amy Barr-Tickle (Mt. Pleasant, MI), John Dinse (Mt. Pleasant, MI), Sue Gamble (Mt. Pleasant, MI)

Absent: Anne Heidemann

The meeting began at 6:00 pm. This meeting was held virtually given current State of Michigan recommendations. The meeting was hosted and run by Ryan.

Members on Advisory Board:

Anne Heidemann resigned from the Friends of the Dog Park Board and therefore this leaves a vacancy on the Advisory Board. No nominations occurred. Anne represents the city on the Advisory Board.

Membership Update: Membership is at 174 yearly members, with two weekly memberships. It was thought that virtual university students may account for some of the decline. The current Pandemic is thought to play a role in reduced memberships. The members who are currently using the park are continuing to enjoy the park, after a brief shutdown this spring, in order to comply with the Governors safety orders.

Public Comment:

No public comment was brought forth.

Old Business

Ryan noted no issues in the Park were arising lately. He also noted no new issues have arisen with maintenance or operations. He will continue to monitor this.

Friends of the Dog Park

Ryan asked for an update from FDP. Although the group had been actively pursuing fundraising for lighting in the park, this was put on hold when the Pandemic surfaced this Spring. It was thought that financial issues for

members, as well as supporting businesses, were likely directed towards emergent safety issues. The group is committed to returning to this project when there is financial stability in the community. Current collected funds are retained for that purpose.

Friends of the Dog Park are part of the MDOT program to pick up highway trash three times per year, weather permitting. In September, the group again cleaned a section of US 127. We are able to maintain a highway sign noting our efforts, which is a form of publicity for the Hannah's Dog Park. This is also part of FDP Board giving back to the community that helps support Hannah's Bark Park.

Overall, there is less response to the prior fundraising, membership and activities for Friends of the Dog Park and our meetings have been rescheduled. The group will meet virtually if issues arise that require Board input.

New Business

No new business was addressed.

Meeting Schedule

It was noted meetings will be scheduled about one year in advance to facilitate attendance. The Advisory Board will meet February 2, May 3, August 2, and November 1. in the year 2021.

We adjourned at 6:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Simons