

Hannah's Bark Park Advisory
Minutes March 15, 2021

Present: Lynn Simons (Lake, MI), Ryan Longoria (Mt. Pleasant), Amy Barr-Tickle (Mt. Pleasant), Sue Gamble (Mt. Pleasant)

Absent: John Dinse, Mark Stuldreher

The meeting began at 6:05 pm, and was held virtually via Zoom.

Members on Advisory Board:

Ryan noted that Anne Heideman had resigned. This creates a vacancy on the Advisory Board that can be filled, from nominations by the City. Ryan encouraged members to approach civic minded individuals to volunteer.

Membership Update: Membership is at 129, with one weekly. Ryan noted this has been a unique year and that during March-April-May of 2020 no new memberships were even sought. It is thought that online college has made a large impact on member enrollment. It is anticipated that Spring, and loosening of pandemic restrictions will foster new memberships in the coming months.

Public Comment:

No public comment was brought forth.

New Business

Ryan noted the locks on the gates have been fixed again. The City is investigating a magnetic lock system to provide a more permanent repair. Ryan also received information about a broken upper fence rail in the small dog park and has passed that on to park maintenance.

Chris Bundy is retiring at the end of April 2021. Chris was the Parks and Recreation Director that worked so closely with initial park development and his direction and helpfulness has been appreciated over the years.

Old Business: Friends of the Dog Park

FDP updated the Advisory Board about the lighting plans. They are moving forward with fundraising for lighting at this time. Lighting will involve

eight poles of lights, providing some coverage to the small and large dog park areas. The group is waiting for the contractor to supply the updated bid so that full fundraising amounts can be made. FDP has already collected a significant portion of the amount. More will be known when the contractor provides the updated bid.

Meeting Schedule

It was noted the next meeting is June 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

We adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Simons