

Hannah's Bark Park Advisory
Minutes December 19, 2022

Present: Lynn Simons, Phil Biscorner, Mark Stuldreher, Sue Gamble, John Dinse

Absent: Easton Hamel, Amy Barr-Tickle

The meeting began at 5:30. A quorum was present.

No public comment occurred.

Phil reported the last count of memberships was 209 memberships in Hannah's Bark Park, with no weekly memberships. He anticipates this will be updated soon. Phil also noted the hours of park operation have been extended to 11:00 pm.

Phil had emailed out information previously regarding an incident with humans and dogs. This issue was addressed by both parties not being in the park at the same time. This was violated when a person with a difficult dog had been told not to be in the park when other dogs were present, but entered the park with her dog nonetheless. This member has now been instructed by Phil that if this event occurs again, her membership will be deactivated. He noted he will also put this in writing to her. Board Members supported Phil in his decision making.

New items were brought up. One was a brief discussion about possibly dead trees in the park. Phil noted this is monitored by park staff and the city will remove trees that are dead or precarious.

Another new item was discussion of dog park equipment. Friends of the Dog Park are looking at funding a dog ramp for the large dog side and a similar dog ramp for the small dog size. Funding for this will be raised by Friends of the Dog Park Board. It was agreed the specs will be sent to Phil so he can evaluate this project and formulate the pathway for approval. He also noted he required installation information to understand what effort this would involve. Phil shared he was familiar with dog parks and equipment and had resources to evaluate this project. Phil did talk about concerns with what would be underneath the structure as lawn mowers would not be able to

access such spaces. He suggested mulch as a possibility and asked the Board to consider this issue.

John D. noted exposure to another dog park and raised questions about having a portable chemical toilet available. Phil shared that the concession bathrooms are open until three each day, or later if there is an event. John describe a large pipe tube for animals to crawl in and wondered about cost of this. Phil noted there were not free unused pipe sections and typically they were not available.

The 2023 schedule for meetings was presented: March 20, June 19, September 18, and December 18. Meetings will be in person, and begin at 5:30.

The meeting ended at 6:00.
The next meeting with be March 20, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Simons