

Omaha Dog Park Advocates
August 14, 2013
Swanson Library 6:00 p.m.

Present –Jim Kee, Lynne Newlin, Jody Blakely, Jeff Lonowski, Mary Gibilisco, Bridget Jansen, Ed Sirkorski

Park Maintenance:

Hanscom –Jody will check with Bonnie Price to see if she would like to be the backup to replenish the poop bags as Bonnie goes to Hanscom.

Hefflinger – We will spend \$8690 to have Eyman Plumbing move the fountains to the middle fence on both the small side & all Dog side of the park and put fences around the fountains so that we can access it from whichever side is open. We will ask the city if they have any fence unless those rolls are still laying at Hefflinger. We have obtained a list of grants for trees, but the big issue is watering.

An Eagle Scout is looking into building shelters at Hefflinger. Ed suggested straddling the fence with the shelter on the small dog side. For the All Dog side we would like them placed at the West end on both sections. We are looking at spending no more than \$10,000 total.

Bridget will touch base with the city to ask them about their understanding of the policy for pit bulls as we had a park goer have an issue with one. The park goer was told by NHS “that nothing will be done about this as they cannot control what happens at the dog park.” The Dog Park Advocates believe that the dog park is a public park and the Humane Society should police like they would for any other public place.

Appreciation Days – Bridget spoke with Mike Battershell and learned that Hanscom clean up is approx. Sept 13th, but he will confirm with Bridget when he knows for sure. We will try to be there to advertise our clean up event. A decision as to whether this will be the appreciation days for Hanscom was postponed until we know for sure when the Hanscom clean-up day will be.

New Business – We have been getting requests by companies to appear on our website. Jeff Lonowski suggested we charge \$250 a year to appear on our site. We would have to have standards as we don't want Viagra ads on the site. We postponed this discussion until the next meeting

Bridget will ask John Williams if he will write a grant for trees from the ReTree Nebraska grant Jim found for us.