

Omaha Dog Park Advocates
January 9, 2013
90th & Dodge Swanson Library 6:00 p.m.

Present – Ed Sirkorski, Jim Kee, Doug & Kathy Rice, Arlyce Tiddens, Lawrence Pollack, Lynne Newlin, Bridget Jansen, Theresa Pogge, Mary Gibilisco, Paula Steenson

Park Maintenance:

Hanscom – We did rake the all dog side raked the first weekend in December, (12/2), but we ran out of supplies and time to get to the small dog side. No one was at the meeting who uses Hanscom so we have no other news on this park.

Hefflinger – The city did not shovel the walks to the dog park on either side. The water jugs are finally dying and will not be replaced instead we will go with the zero waste bags. The Small dog side has had the other side opened due to holes. The other side will remain closed and will be re-seeded in the Spring.

Events – Spring Bark in the Park, Pool party, St. Patrick's Day Parade. Paula Steenson of Paula Presents will speak with Fun Park about holding a pool party.

St. Patrick's Day Parade is 3/16. Check in at 8 at Soggy Paws. Jody will check with Soggy Paws to see if we can have a "party" at their location.

Petiquette Signs – Bridget wants to meet with the city before she gives them the updated sign.

Spring Bark in the Park Paula Presents: April 27th. Paula will research to see if a Radio Station can do MC and provide better speaker system. Other exhibits could be Flyball & Lure Coursing. Paula has gotten Petco & Natural Balance to commit to 1000 goody bags and will sponsor a style show. Exhibitors will pay to be in the style show. We will probably not be able to put vendor's fliers in the bags due to the donation of bags by PETCO & Natural Balance.. Will can use Sergeant's for prizes for the games. We will meet Tuesday Feb 5th @ 5:30 at the Panera Bread on 78th & Dodge to work on SBP. Paula needs access to Facebook & website along with the logo.

Old Business Bridget will get Trish the shirt count so she can file the taxes.

Bridget got Jeff the pamphlet. We need to get pamphlets to the convention center and chamber of commerce. Need to see if Jeff can create business card.

Theresa met with the Dr. who was concerned with landfill coming through on the small dog side. We know that the city adds dirt each year and so the landfill should not be coming through 15 feet of dirt, but one side of the small dog side was closed due to holes.

New Business Goals for 2013 – Would like to raise \$10,000 and work towards getting water fountains in all sides of the dog park at Hefflinger so water is available to all sides before opening another park. One option is moving the fountains we have to be available on both sides. The city prefers we have the parks up to par before opening others. We need to get the gazebo built as Roller Girls donated money specifically for one. Bridget will revisit with the Boy Scout who was interested in helping build one, but now that Hefflinger is divided we need to determine are we building 4 or 2 or finding a way to span the fence. Lowes supports the Boy Scouts. Menards has donated to Hefflinger before. There is also a group of volunteer carpenters through the carpenters union that donate their services to non-profits.

It was suggested that we update Website to say during wet times to minimize use of the dog park. We also need to update the Yahoo meeting notice to be for the current year and to not go out in December when we do not meet.

Meeting was continued in the library hallway due to the fact that we now have a group that meets after us and the conference room was needed, but we wrapped up around 7:30.