

**Omaha Dog Park Advocates
July 11 Meeting
Swanson Library
90th & Dodge 6 p.m.**

Present – Bridget Jansen, President, Jody Blakely VP, Lynne Newlin, Secretary, Ed Sirkoski, Mary Gibilisco, and Jeff Lonowski, Members at Large, John Williams, Jim Kee, Therese Pogge, Trish Clary

Park Maintenance: Bridget hope to meet in person with the city on Friday as e-mails concernig park repairs are not being addressed. John Williams wants to attend. Pick up your poop signs have been ordered. Jody's husband has offered to build agility equipment for the park(s).

Hanscom - there have been several reports of dogs escaping the enclosures both by going under the fence and through the gates due to the wide gaps. Jeff Lonowski's dogs are an example of large dogs that have gotten out through the gaps in the gates. People are requesting benches in Hanscom with one person offering to pay for one. Our desire is for NO benches as this allows people to not watch their dogs and for people not to move around with their dogs. The city has placed a porta potty at Hanscom.

Hefflinger – Water fountain on All Dog Side is still broken for the dogs. The additional fountains have not been installed and we cannot access the water fountain on the small dog side. These are some of the issues Bridget hopes to address in a one on one meeting with the city. City has not placed their own porta potty at Hefflinger

Spring Bark in the Park Paula Presents: We have agreed to have Paula work with us on this event and the contract will be sent to her.

Hanscom Swim Event – The city has denied our request to hold this event. Paula Steeson is in touch with Fun Plex to see if they will hold such an event for us. It would not be a money maker, but good for publicity.

Appreciation Days - Appreciation days for Hefflinger will be August 10 – 12th.

Appreciation Days for Hanscom will be in November hoping to combine with a neighborhood association get together so John will let us know a date.

Petiquette Signs - Lynne found most of the code numbers are wrong. John & Jim requested to have sent them what was found and they will see what they can find. Park goers are questioning some things and it would help if we had the signs in place.

Treasury – As the city has yet to install their own porta potty at Hefflinger as promised, Trish was authorized to pay the rental fee on the one we have been funding. Payment is to be made for April, May, June & July. Insurance is also due and the first installment payment to Paula. This will leave approximately \$16,000 in the bank and while that appears to be a lot, should we have to pay for the additional water fountains at Hefflinger we will severely deplete our funds.

Elections – Elections for 3 Members at Large, Vice President, Treasurer and Public Information Officer are to be held this November. You must have attended at least 3 fund raising events and all executive committee meetings to run for office. Nominations are taken starting in August.