

Meeting Minutes Omaha Dog Park Advocates, June 8 11, 2011

6 p.m. Swanson Library, Omaha NE

Those present, Jody, Lynne, Bridget, Ed, Trish, Bonnie & John, worked on revising the Petiquette as the signs are faded and need to be replaced.

We are breaking it into two sections – rules & regulations as set forth by the law and dog park etiquette.

Both Johns & Brian's neighborhood associations received the Mutual of Omaha Grants so that is \$5,000 more towards the fencing of Hanscom Park. John is working on the Kiewit grant and is considering applying for the Iowa West Grant. Both grants give substantial amounts of money.

The parks department is meeting with the surveyor to get to work on the Hanscom Park Dog Park. We hope we can then get detailed costs of supplies as that is required for the Kiewit Grant, but with the flood preparations we aren't sure if that will be possible.

We decided to go with the water fountain with the jug filler & Dog Bowl and not the person water fountain with dog bowl for Hanscom Park. They are \$2,000 per fountain.

The City of Omaha planted numerous trees on both sides of the Hefflinger Dog Park the week before Memorial Day, but stopped fencing them on the All Dog side and we cannot determine if any have been watered. We suspect work stopped due to the potential flooding and the College World Series. Bridget will call the parks dept. and inquire on these trees and so see if they will water our three new trees. Fencing needs to be moved on one of the new trees and is completely down around another. The dog portion of the water fountain on the all dog side is still broken, so Bridget will inquire on repairs to that too.

Shade shelters for Hefflinger were also discussed and it was decided that posts set in either a square or 6 sides with a roof would be the best. One for both sides. Bridget will discuss with the city. Roller Girl's \$500.00 donation is specific for a shade shelter.

We will not participate in the NKC dog show due to no volunteers to man and it is more informational than anything.

Urban Wine is the location for Wag 'n Wine August 27th. First meeting to discuss logistics is June 17th at 4 p.m. at Urban Wine.

We are looking for entertainment, raffle prizes and silent auction items. A Door prize is being considered.

August 7th we hope to have a dog pool party at the Hanscom Park Pool. Raise some funds and have an open house of sorts for the new park. Hopefully find a sponsor and charge \$5.00 entry per dog. No vendors. John will confer with Melinda to see if this can be arranged. It is the week before NHS's event.

Jody & Bonnie stained the message board at Hefflinger and we thank them.

The Port a Potty fell down around Memorial Day and while righted by someone, (we suspect the parks dept). It took a phone call to Oasis to get it put back to straights as evidently they didn't service it the week of Memorial Day. It was fixed as of 6/8.