

Wednesday, October 12, 2011
Dog Park Advocates Monthly Meeting
Held at Swanson Library, 90th & Dodge, Omaha NE

In attendance, Bridget Jensen – President, Jody Blakely – VP, Lynne Newlin, Secretary, Ed Sirkorski, Cherine Bishara, Jeff Lonowski & Sue Baker

Elections for President, Secretary & 3 Members at Large will be held at the November meeting.

To run for office, you must be able to attend 3 fund raising events a year and you must have attended two meetings the prior year. You must attend the November meeting to run.

The city paved (with asphalt) the entrance to both dog parks at Hefflinger all the way to 2 feet inside the dog park. They also split both sections in half to improve the grading and fill in the sink holes. This split will become permanent to allow recovery of the park, but the snow fence currently being used will not suffice so Bridget is contacting the city to see what their plans are.

While we were notified of the paving, we were not notified of the splitting of the dog parks.

The water fountain on the all dog side still hasn't been fixed.

Fred Henniger has donated a tree from Indian Creek nursery and it will most likely go next to the bench on the all dog side. Bridget will meet with Ed to supply materials to fence said tree.

Bridget has left a message with Elkhorn Fence to see when they plan on starting /ending the fencing of Hanscom park. We guessed that they will be done in time for an open house on 11/19. Cherine is contacting the parks dept and area vendors.

Jeff will see about creating a logo for the Hanscom event and we are considering either having vendors donate an item for raffle as a vendor fee, or better yet, paying \$150.00 vendor fee and that will go towards the Spring Bark in the Park too. That way we have a start on getting vendors for that event.

Jody will work up a letter to get vendors for both events.

We'd plan to have the games Bobbin for Dogs & Hide a Treat and Cherine is looking into area food places to donate food and with the city to see if they will wave the rental fee for the club house.

We received \$7500 from the Kiewit foundation so the 2.25 acre park will be split in thirds to allow for rotating of the all dog side to allow for ground recovery.

We raised \$500 at appreciation days.

Bridget is working on the letter to the Sorority to see if they are willing to take on the Spring Bark in the Park.

Mary Gibilsco has discovered that Cox is thrilled to periodically run Dog Park Etiquette videos on Cox on Demand, but we need a videographer. Jody is going to contact Metro and Iowa Western. Mary, Rockbrook Camera.

Sue Baker is an animal Control officer from Plattsmouth and has formed a dog park committee for Plattsmouth. She hopes to attend more meetings and help with Spring Bark in the park to gain some knowledge & background to assist their group in getting a dog park in Plattsmouth. She came to pick our brains.