

**Omaha Dog Park Advocates**  
**Oct 9, 2013**  
**Swanson Library 6:00 p.m.**

**Present** – Lynne Newlin, Jody Blakely, Mary Gibilisco, Bridget Jansen, Brian Bennett, Jim Kee, Therese Pogge, Caleb Wheeler.

**Park Maintenance:**

**Hanscom** – Lost another tree, but luckily it missed the fence. We will have a leaf raking/appreciation day on November 17<sup>th</sup> 1 to 4. It was moved to the 17<sup>th</sup> because Bridget is gone 11/10. Jeff will contact Keep Omaha Beautiful and Jim have the trailer from the parks department reserved.

**Hefflinger** – Goal is to push the fountain project this fall. The Shelter project by Brian, will be moved to Spring hopefully before SBP. He says it would take 2 – 3 weekends. He hopes to have some of the volunteers come from the dog park family to help. As the roller girls donated \$500 for a shelter, maybe they too would like to help. \$3,000 a shelter. No concrete pad. He does not have approval from the Scouts yet because he has to confirm how the footing will work, but once he gets that he can draw up the blueprints. Shelter size is 18 x 14. The shingles will be partially donated / discounted as Brian has a friend who is a roofer. One shelter will be on the small dog side near the fountain, one on the all dog side at the top, and on the other side of the all dog side, at the bottom. The idea to put the shelter over the fence at the small dog side was shot down by the scouts. If someone wants to donate the funds to build a 4<sup>th</sup> shelter, that would be appreciated.

**Appreciation Days – at Hefflinger** – Rescheduled to Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday and Sunday provided we can get volunteers.

**New Business** – It appears the Jeff has a link in the works to “advertise your business” on our website.

We are reviewing the by-laws and Jody will e-mail them out to everyone to review. We need to define the board of directors such as a City official (park planner), NHS personnel, Neighborhood association member.

**Spring Bark in the Park** Bridget will work this month on contacting the corporate sponsors. Brian says that his 40 boy scout troop members are willing to help and Brian has it on the schedule so no camp outs will be scheduled.. I need to mention Eagle Scout Opportunities on the flyer when asking for volunteers.

No meeting with the city was scheduled last month to discuss the water fountain, but Bridget did have an e-mail discussion with Brook about this and believes it can be done yet this Fall.

**Elections** – Elections for President and Secretary are this November. Both are for two year terms. Bridget would really like to allow someone else to lead the group.

**New Business** - [www.Petsinomaha.com](http://www.Petsinomaha.com) took over Pet Enthusiast’s job of listing all pet related activities and rescue groups in the area so we need to keep **Lee Legenhausen** informed and perhaps work out links to each other’s sites.