

**Omaha Dog Park Advocates  
September 12, 2012 Meeting  
Swanson Library  
90<sup>th</sup> & Dodge 6 p.m.**

**Present** – Ed Sirkorski, Mary Gibilsco, Jim Kee, Jeff Lonowski, Lynne Newlin, Bridget Jansen, Ashley Flater

**Park Maintenance:**

**Hanscom** Poop bags need to be restocked. We need to know if Hanscom Neighborhood Association is going to have a get together this Fall that we could be a part of so we could celebrate the anniversary of the park's opening. Bridget will contact John Williams to see if a date has been set yet.

**Hefflinger** – Bridget was contacted by an Eagle Scout (Mike) for a project. She suggested the 2 shelters and it looks like they would be willing to do this. The Eagle Scout will decide based on what they can get donated in materials, although they are aware that we have funds they could use. They asked Bridget to come up with a design. The city has yet to replace the porta potty at Hefflinger with theirs so we need to continue to pay for the porta potty.

Insurance – is covering Omaha Dog Parks Advocates and has been paid.

Jody said she has someone who will sell wine charms at her salon.

**Trees** - Ed stopped watering the trees to let them go dormant, then we will begin watering again.

**Petiquette Signs** –Bridget will review once more and get with the city to get the signs ordered and installed. We must just leave off some of the code section numbers if we are unsure what the code is. They've changed since 2005.

**Spring Bark in the Park Paula Presents:** Bridget will get with Paula to see if she can meet with us about Spring Bark in the Park early October.

**Appreciation Days** – We received approximately \$500.00 in donations.

**Fun Plex** is having a Doggy Dip October 16 so obviously they allow this. Do we can contact Paula to see if perhaps we can do this next year.

**Elections:** For VP , Treasurer and the Members at Large are this November. If you would like to run, you must have attended 2 meetings this past year.

**Old Business** - Mary offered to contact Shelley Larsen at the Omaha World Herald to see how we can get the dog parks in the yearly publication – Omaha Metro Guide. [Shelley.Larsen@owh.com](mailto:Shelley.Larsen@owh.com) or 402.444.1143.

Benson/Ames Alliance has shelved a dog park idea at this time.

**New Business** - Ashley Flater came to present her proposal for a Pet Food Bank in Omaha. She is asking for assistance in getting this off the ground. So we brainstormed solutions/advice for her.

Jim Kee suggested that to make use of our volunteers, we look into Keep Omaha Beautiful Adopt a Park – adopt Hefflinger/Hanscom. He reminded us that Parks & Rec Dept has a volunteer in the park and the city brings equipment and volunteers to clean up the park. I.e. Hanscom – weed whack , rake leaves. Alternate parks.

Mulch – the city has loads so Bridget will contact Tim Carmichel and suggest using some at Hanscom for ground cover. Or for the trees at Hefflinger. They can dump in the parks and Ed will see it gets to the trees. Brooke Bench isn't thrilled about mulch at Hanscom.