



Omaha Dog Park Advocates

June 10, 2015

Swanson Library 6:00 p.m.

Present – Lynne Newlin, Jim Kee; Jody Blakely, Ed Sirkorski, Therese Pogge, Jeff Lonowski

Hanscom - May 15th Petiquette sign was installed at Hanscom.



The day before (May 14th) approximately 40 volunteers from Hewlett Packard seeded and matted the south side of Hanscom park per Kenny Tolliver-Humpal. A lot of netting was used from the top of the hill to the bottom / flat portion.

The porta potty is back at Hanscom. The city is paying for them.

Hefflinger – Petiquette signs are up at Hefflinger too. One at the entrance to each section of the park.

Jim contacted three fencing contractors and three plumbers to provide bids for moving the fountains & for the additional fencing needed to surround the fountains. He learned that by the time we get the fencing it is cheaper to buy new fountains. We would like to get the ones that have a tamper resistant spigot so we can have water available to water trees. Eyman's bid is \$8300 to install additional pipe for two hydrants plus the fountains. Jody will look to see if there is grant for this once we have the final numbers for the fountains.

The Boy Scouts supplied two picnic tables on the All Dog Side and a surprise – an A Frame! We owe them \$350.00 for materials. The A Frame was broken within two days as the foot hold boards were too small and were glued. Jeff will take 1 x 2 boards and screw them down replacing the current foot holds.. Jeff will get a sign to warning that the A frame is for dogs only in an attempt to keep kids off.

Ed suggested putting the slats in between the chain links in the center fence in an attempt to help with the wind. He suggested 8' slatted, then 8 foot not slatted, 8 foot slatted to keep the line of sight. We'd like to coordinate with an art group to make it pretty and thus be eligible for grants. The city is big on arts in the Parks.

On June 6th several ODPa members planted 38 shrubs on the south side of the All Dog section of the dog park. Unfortunately the west side is not conducive for planting trees or shrubs due to the layout of the land and the road. The shrubs we did plant should grow between 6 and 10 feet and the city has offered to water them for us. Hughes Tree Service donated the mulch.

We are moving away from the idea of shelters as they are too expensive and we feel water is more important.

Deffenbaugh has replaced the porta potty at Hefflinger so we are no longer paying for them.

Spring Bark in the Park – Trish provided final numbers for the event and we made \$5,076.91 thanks to the generosity of Mint Design in paying for a lot of the expenses. A meeting will be set up shortly to create committees to work on next year's event.

Old Business – According to the Omaha Gives Website, 32 people donated \$490 to ODP. That may not include deductions for credit and debit card payments.

New Business – Jim will get with Trish to get Jim on the bank account.

Grants - There are several Fall planting grants. Shallow Rooted tree are recommend by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), but we will need to get with the city forester John Wynn to confirm with the city what species are okay to plant.

Dachshunds Anonymous are interested in being at Spring Bark in the Park.