



**Omaha Dog Park Advocates
January 13, 2016
Swanson Library, 6 p.m.**

Present – Lynne Newlin, Jim Kee; Therese Pogge, Mickey Merriam, Mary Gibilisco, Ed Sirkorski, Jeff Lonowski, D’Ann Lonowski

Hanscom – No one attending the meeting had been to that park recently.

Hefflinger – Trash cans are overflowing at the All Dog Side. The new water fountains are in, but nothing is hooked up due to the lateness of the install. Eyman has not yet sent us a bill so they are probably not done. They will need to reseed as they didn’t bore underground when laying the pipe. The city did give us the check for their portion of the cost of the install of the fountains. Press release will be sent once the fountains are working.

Fundraiser - Spring Bark in the Park has been put to the side due to the fact there are so many more of these types of events now and we don’t have the man power to solicit prizes, raffles and vendors. Jeff suggested that we have multiple small events throughout the year with sponsors to make the funds we need over a course of year. Suggestions were Bingo; Paint your Pets; Christmas Bazaar, Chicago Dawg perhaps donating some of the funds from the sale of food on a certain night; car wash/dog wash, ice cream social.

We are going to first try an Ice Cream Social from 1 to 3 on June 25th at Hefflinger D’Ann will contact Ted & Wally’s for people ice cream. D’Ann will see if Costco/HyVee / Green Spot can provide doggy ice cream. Have an entry fee – the cost to be determined – but it would get one doggy ice cream. Additional would have to be paid for. Get exclusive vendors like one daycare, one groomer; one rescue; etc. We need more ideas for the next event in the Fall by February’s meeting.

Omaha Gives – we need to sign up and then work the base to get a lot of people giving in the first few hours so we can obtain more funds. There is additional money to be received for how many people we have donate in the first few hour/hours.

Old Business – We are in need of a treasurer. Therese is going to touch base with a friend’s father who does taxes for non-profits to see if he is willing to help us out. Jim has yet to be made a signatory on the bank accounts.

No news about the Greyhound people wanting to use Hanscom. This would also be a fundraiser.

Having lights at Hefflinger - We will ask the BMX how much lights cost them. We would have to share the price as there is one meter. OR we can also have solar lights &/or wind powered lights if a green energy company is willing to work with us for promotion of them/their product on our website and Facebook.

Jim will get us signed up with the Non-profit association of the midlands. Perhaps they can help us generate more members willing to help raise funds and upkeep the parks.