



**Omaha Dog Park Advocates  
August 10, 2016  
Swanson Library, 6 p.m.**

**Present** – Lynne Newlin, Mickey Merriam, Jim Kee; Mary Gibilisco, Ed Sirkorski

**Hanscom** – -No one in attendance had been to Hanscom since the last meeting.

**Hefflinger** – Ed got a \$100 donation from a park patron. Parks dept. mowed on 8/9, but didn't relock the gates. They are still adding dirt to the closed All Dog Side and have leveled some of the dumped dirt, but we suspect this side will not be able to be opened next year because the grass will not have had time to strengthen to withstand the traffic. The loose fence hasn't been removed either. The fountain on the small dog side is assumed to be fixed because there are no sign of mud and a swimming pool hasn't reappeared..

**Benson Days – July 30<sup>th</sup>** – Enjoyed by the group. We had a good spot and were on the front line of the parade. Made \$55.00 and positive interaction with the public. ADA accessibility was brought up by a couple, but with Hanscom being on a hill and Hefflinger on a landfill we are not sure that can be accommodated with the current parks. Perhaps there would be funding from groups that would help us open another dog park that is handicap accessible.

**Dog Park Appreciation Days** – Was postponed due to the forecasted heat wave on 8/2. We want to do Friday Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 6 to 8 and Saturday 8 to Noon as our Dog Park Appreciation Days. We will hand out the lights at that time and discuss lighting Hefflinger with park goers.

**Paint your Pet** – October. Jim will reach out to Cathy to see when and how far in advance she needs to know we'd like to do another fundraiser. We usually make \$300.00 which pays the yearly storage fee.

**New Business** – Walk for the animals is October 2<sup>nd</sup> if we want a booth. Jim will reach out to the Parks Dept to see what if any lights at Hefflinger work and the cost to run them and if can they be put on timer so they can come on only for a few hours. The bad side is that people won't see their dog's poop and there is liability by the city due to holes that will not be seen in the dark and the potential for injury by people. This information can be relayed to Hefflinger park goers at Dog Park Appreciation Days.