



**Omaha Dog Park Advocates
January 11, 2017
Swanson Library, 6 p.m.**

Present – Lynne Newlin, Mickey Merriam, Bob Denney, Jim Kee, Mary Gibilisco, Ed Sirkorski, Theresa Pogge.

Hanscom –

Hefflinger – A lot of frozen feces because people aren't picking up their poop.

New Business –ODPA has this room in the library through 2017 except for May 10th when we are in the Meeting Room (the large room across the hall).

Lynne signed ODPA up on fundinco.org a fundraising site that if used when shopping online at Target will generate a .5% to 4% donation to ODPA.

Lynne removed Bridget's, Jeff's and Jody's access to Google Docs as they are no longer board members.

Several groups have asked about starting dog parks via Facebook.

Jody, Jeff & Jim are administrators for Facebook, but Jeff owns the website. Jim is going to switch the website so that ODPA owns it and will pay for it. Jim will also see if he can remove Jody & Jeff as Facebook administrators and will add Mary to be an administrator as she is on Facebook. Lynne is not. Mickey & Mary will also be added to the info@omahadogparks.org e-mail and those members no longer involved with ODPA will be removed.

The City of Omaha Parks and Recreation Department requested the use of pictures from our website for the 2017 "Discovery Guide.

Jim will set up a time when it is warmer to meet with one of the guys about solar lights.

Because none of us have the time to find vendors, raffles and promote Spring Bark in the Park, we will not have our large fundraiser this year. Instead we will try out a much smaller event.

June 24th from 1 to 3 is the date for Ice Cream Social at Hefflinger Dog Park. If it goes well, we will have a 2nd event at Hanscom. Lynne has contacted Honey Creek Creamery who has agreed to provide 100 cups of people ice cream. Long Dog, Fat Cat, offered to provide the dog ice cream last Fall and Lynne will reach out to them again to confirm now that we have a set date and time. Mickey suggested an entrance fee of \$5.00 so some money can be raised to cover 2017 operating expenses (insurance, website, storage facility). We will ask select vendors to participate and Lynne will reach out to two dog behaviorists she knows. Hopefully it will provide them with the opportunity to show dog park goers dog language at a dog park. Lynne is hoping one will do the Hefflinger event and the other the Hanscom.

St. Patrick's Day Parade – is March 11. We will again participate and meet at That Dog Wash (formerly known as Soggy Paws) at 14th & Jackson

Omaha Gives is also coming up.