

Omaha Dog Park Advocates
Sept 11, 2013
Swanson Library 6:00 p.m.

Present –Jim Kee, Lynne Newlin, Jody Blakely, Jeff Lonowski, Mary Gibilisco, Bridget Jansen, Ed Sirkorski, Samantha Amell

Park Maintenance:

Hanscom – We will have a leaf raking/appreciation day on November 10th 1 to 4. Jeff will contact Keep Omaha Beautiful and Jim will contact volunteers in parks trailer. Do Appreciation Days. We did not hear from Mike Battersell about coordinating a Hanscom clean up with their neighborhood group. Bridget will notify the Ford Birthsite and Hanscom neighborhood associations and make a sign notifying about the appreciation and clean up we can hang at Hanscom. Bonnie Price says a group of people are maintaining the dog park. Including putting rock around a fountain.

Hefflinger – John Williams was unable to write the grants for the trees. Brian Bennett is the Eagle Scout and he is waiting for approval so he can get bids. Samantha Amell needs volunteer hours for her leadership class and Bridget suggested she assist Brian. Ed discovered that the bags are disintegrating and when the dog poop is put in it the disintegrate quicker. The picnic table on the all dog side has a broken seat.

Appreciation Days – at Hefflinger - Sept 27th 4 to 7. Jeff, Jody & Bridget Sept 28th 8 to 11. Jim, Mary, Samantha.

New Business – We have been getting requests by companies to appear on our website. Jeff Lonowski suggested we charge \$250 a year to appear on our site. We would have to have standards as we don't want Viagra ads on the site. Jeff will see how many hits the website gets and will write up standards.

We have had several requests from volunteer organizations for volunteer activities. One of those is Samantha Amell who needs hours for a volunteer class. Lynne will notify the group about our Fall events now that we have set dates.

Spring Bark in the Park will be April 26th 11 to 3 . Need 40 committed, paying, vendors. Bridget will schedule meetings with Sergeants, Natural Balance, Petco for this event. We will go back to putting fliers in the bags and for rescues to provide a \$25 raffle prize to have a booth. Samantha will check with her instructor to see if heading up or helping with Spring Bark in the Park would qualify as for her internship should she decide to stay in Nebraska.

No meeting with the city was scheduled to discuss the water fountain and the rules sign.

Elections – Elections for President and Secretary are this November. Both are for two year terms. Bridget would really like to allow someone else to lead the group.