

Westgrove Pack Meeting Minutes - April 30th 2019

In attendance : Emma McAlary , Mark Thomsen, Melissa Pandin, Jeff Pandin, Chrissy Walck , Anne Street and Marissa Vesay (by phone).

Meeting started at: 6:30pm

1. Opening Remarks

Proposal to change meeting minutes—add tasks/Action items. We will run down action items to review what was agreed on and who is responsible for each item. More discussion ensues about how to take notes. No objections.

Minutes procedure— Secretary types minutes, sends out minutes within 72 hours to the rest of board. The board has 48 hours to make comments and edits. After 48 hours the secretary posts the minutes labeled “tentative” and the next meeting the board votes on the minutes for approval. Board agreed.

We voted on whether or not to record meetings. Jeff moved to no longer record meetings. Chrissy and Anne seconded. It was unanimous.

Mark and Emma agree to format minutes together.

1. Survey Results

We read the survey results. Results are as follows:

Marissa explains the next step: there will be a follow-up survey to clarify what each result means.

Is there a correlation between any of the results? It looks like there is not.

We continue to discuss results. Based on data we can now ask park users better questions about the future of the park.

Three people answered yes that they would like to be part of the park , but no one wrote us an email to inquire.

Are we sharing these results with the county? Chrissy suggests that it might be nice for them to have if/when they get complaints.

Mark explains that his current discussion with the county is to have stone dust on the north end (small) and grass on the south end (large).

Mark asks if he should change his convo/approach with the county? **Board agrees that the conversation is going in the right direction.**

Jeff explains that he does NOT think we should agree to stone dust in the north end at this time.

He thinks we should make clear to the county that the decision on the surface is independent of the drainage plan and that we want at least one season after drainage is fixed to see how grass works without standing water. We should only be willing to support stone dust in the north end if we give grass a fair shot and it fails.

We discuss that the early opening did hurt the grass.

Chrissy suggests that we should have a written and signed letter. Our users need to know that it is on the county's timeline. Jeff explains that we have already voted that we expect to see a concrete plan by July 4th. Mark has given them that expectation. We don't need a letter.

We discuss if the data conflicts. Can we do both drainage and grass throughout the whole park? They are not mutually exclusive

What do we do if it comes to July 4th and nothing happens? Jeff suggests we take it to a higher authority.

Mark will lead the discussion about the implications of the park survey at the general meeting.

Action item: Come up with part two survey for sustaining caretakers. Marissa will lead the survey group and send out an email to start coordinating the meeting.

4. MOU

What is the status?

Mark and Melissa met with county. It was positive. Todd wants to be able to defend our agreement when complaints arise. He is working hard to move the MOU forward. He supports the grass dog park and apologizes we needed to open early. The experiment and parameters of grass experiment will be put in writing.

Fertilizer is available to be used in fall. He is figuring out which one it is. He said we will negotiate with the environmentalist. We discuss environmental regulations, but there is nothing

in stone. We need a specific standard that we are held to. This needs to be added to the parameters.

Closing of the gates - he talked to Linwood and Linwood asked why we open them early. They said they felt like they were forced to. Linwood said he would have been ok if we had kept them closed to mid-April. He said there will be a drop-dead date negotiated in turf management plan/parameters.

Todd gave Mark the complaints. This prompted a discussion of the rules--we are educators not enforcers. If there is a continual breaking of the rules we can bring the issue to the county.

Todd says he will put fertilizer and drainage solution in writing. It doesn't preclude us from changing MOU later.

Will the MOU be signed before the general meeting? What exactly is the status?

We have made a proposal and we are waiting for the county with agreement or counterproposal. **We give Mark authority to sign if there are no changes from the county. Board agrees.**

We agree that we don't have to post the minutes from meetings with the county. Rather we will post a report about what happened in the meeting in a chair letter. We want the users to know about the positives!

Mark will talk about the MOU at the general meeting and put out a chairman's letter after the meeting. We can celebrate at the meeting if it is signed! Hooray

General Meeting Plan-

Agenda— 1. survey,
2. MOU
3. Decision on pavers— we need a general number from ADA guy.

We need to know the amount of money (or ballpark) we are responsible so park users can vote on May 8th.

More discussion of the dollar amount ensues. County is paying the first \$7200 of whatever the final number is. We agree that we have a vote on a "no greater than" number with the sustaining caretakers. **Mark will try to get a harder number from the guy before the May 8th meeting.**

Melissa puts to vote: The pack agrees that we want pavers instead of stone should the cost not exceed \$8000 pending an actual number. Board agreed.

We discuss voting on other projects funds at the general meeting. We should put our next projects up to vote to get sustaining caretakers authorization. We are not obligated to spend it though.

4. Decision on benches and water in south end.
5. We will discuss what board positions are up for vote in Oct.
6. Mention of Dog Bite incident form

Logistics-

Marisa will broadcast Facebook live.

Jeff will make sure Melissa has all the budget paperwork— she will present.

5. Emails and passwords

Mark will put all the passwords in one location and will share how to get access to them.

6. Board member positions

Election in Oct—Vice Chair and three at-large members are up.

We discuss outreach/fundraising/membership position- Mark suggest we separate it out. We table this discussion.

7. Dog Bite incident Form

Mark created a form to collect data on Google Forms. Mark has started to make suggested changes to the form. Chrissy will help Mark. **Form will be finished by May 15th.**

8. Other items

We now have mowing vendor. Friday mornings weather permitting. One email to go out giving the membership a heads up about the schedule and ask them to pick-up poop and toys Thursday nights.

Megan will make the announcement on Facebook on Thursdays. Melissa will write the email.

Emma will look at gmail everyday and disperse the emails to appropriate board members.

Jeff will prepare budget amendments for pavers, water and benches.

Treasurer's Report

We have \$24,946.94 on hand.

Meeting ends at 8:05pm

Meeting with County - Update on MOU