

Westgrove P.A.C.K Board Meeting 11/8/2019

In attendance: Anne Street, Jeff Pandin, Liz Yap and Emma McAlary

Meeting started at 6:01pm

Agenda

Old Business

1. Treasurer's Report

On Hand: \$16,906.14

pay pal: \$1037.36

b&h: \$15, 868.78

2. Lucky Dog Event Recap

They didn't adopt any dogs, but were thrilled with the event. They viewed it as a networking event. People came to see the dogs and might adopt later.

They got a lot of footage of the dogs running/playing for advertising a good idea in case the north end is closed.

3. Take One Box for Pamphlets

Liz asked if we had another and said there is probably one in the shed. Jeff will find all the parts and put it together.

4. Survey

We are supposed to be doing a survey according to the discussion we had at the general meeting. Jeff and Marissa will start it this week.

Anne suggested we ask Dan Sutherland(FCPA) if they had anything they'd like to put on the survey. She says we don't want them to control it, but it would be good to work together and get the park users input.

Jeff will ask Melissa what she thinks.

5. Canine Cardio Update.

We haven't had a problem since Phil spoke to them.

6. Drainage

The drainage solution is not working. Melissa wants to write an email to Phil about it and give him a day or two to respond. If we don't get a response we can contact Dan. She wants to set up a meeting with them discussing our next steps in abating the mud. Anne said she would be happy to be at this meeting too. The board agrees that the drainage idea was fine, but it didn't work. The board believes the project is not finished, but the county may think they are. The bales across the swale is damming the water up.

7. Middle Gate Open/Close

Jeff opened the gate Sunday or Monday after the County finished the work. He locked it open because we had decided to do that many months ago. Park users have been asking if they can close it so their dogs don't go into the mud. The board decided that if someone wants to close it they can. We will keep it open, unlocked and closable. Emma will remove the lock so people can do what they want todo.

8. Board Member recruitment

We talked about how a few people have told us that Bruno and his wife would be interested in a board position. However, we haven't heard from him yet. Emma will approach him if she sees him.

Liz says she sent out emails to three people asking if they wanted to be on the board.

Jeff said our best strategy would be approaching people face-to-face to ask if they'd like to be on the board. It has worked best in the past.

The board brainstorms possible people to ask.

9. Signs for posts

The metal numbered signs for the fence posts would cost \$3.40 a piece. It would be \$442 in all.

We don't know if that includes hardware. We start to brainstorm how to fasten them to the posts if hardware doesn't come with them.

Anne moves that we purchase the signs. Emma seconds the motion. No objections.

10. Incident Report

We have Chrissy's version and Kathy's version. Do we still want to do this? If so, how do we move forward?

Anne thinks we need to do it because MOU says it's our responsibility to keep tabs on the welfare of the park and it's users. We don't have to send a copy to the county, but we will have the data if necessary.

Kathy's version is shorter. Chrissy's is more thorough. We talk about if we want the shorter or the longer version.

We decided less is better in the beginning and then we can give the users an option for "Do you want us to follow-up with you?"

Kathy's can be on the first step on the website and Chrissy's can be used if we have a follow-up interview.

11. Poop abatement

We have a short discussion on whether our methods have been working or not. We decide it is too soon to tell.

New Business

1. Recycling Bin

A few people have brought up the idea of a recycling bin at the park. It means we would have to get a container and someone would have to sort it out when it gets full. We would also have to arrange for it to be picked up or we would have to do it ourselves.

We decide that if someone really, really want its then they can be in charge of it. We agree that it is beyond our current boards capacity. In the end, we aren't saying no, we just can't maintain it right now. We support the concept, but do not have the resources.

2. Memorial Plaques

We aren't opposed to it, but the board needs to approve it. We are weary of putting plaques on things that are already there. However, if someone wants to donate something and have a plaque that is fine. We just need to approve everything going forward. We will leave the ones already there. If something new pops up without our approval we will remove it.

Liz asks if this is part of the bylaws. No, because this is very specific, but we have a precedent of removing unauthorized things that come into the park.

We decided we can put a simple "how-to" process of on the website of getting something approved. Jeff will take care of this.

3. Water Bowls and Lisa Stedge's email

Lisa Stedge wrote us an email about the dangers of sharing bowls and suggested we make a banner about it. She also suggested we remove the current water bowls. She offered to pay for it.

We'd like to table this for the time being. We decided that we will still have water bowls, but not as many. If necessary, we will replace the current ones with shallow, steady dishes. We want to wait until after we get a fixture in the south end. It will have water bowls and then we can revisit the topic.

The board says this is a good idea and we can write her about how we would be happy to work with her, but we've decided to hold off for now on complete bowl removal.

For now, Liz suggests that we can post a banner on how to take care of your dog's health at the park. She says we can share the top three ways to insure your dog is safe and healthy instead of banning anything (ie bowls). One of them can be to bring your own bowl.

The board says this is a good idea.

4. Lights?

They are very expensive and complicated. The county would have to pay for it and it has to go through many county departments for approval. It is a massive issue.

It is in the list of things we have shared with the county, under a long list of things we wouldn't be able to pay for, but we would want.

We can put in on the survey and let the county know.

Also, Liz asks if we are getting a counter to see how many people use the park. Anne says we can probably get a car counter but not a people counter. We can put that on the list for the next discussion with Phil and County.

To Do list

- Put tree bag on founder's tree (Liz)
- Finds parts of take-one box (Jeff)
- Get survey together (Jeff)
- Order number signs (Jeff)
- Make gate closable (Emma)
- Talk to Bruno if she sees him (Emma)
- Incident report on website (Jeff)
- Write something up for procedures for memorials and post it on webpage (Jeff)
- Clear up some of the water bowls (Emma)

Write Phil about drainage issues and make an appointment to sit down with him (Melissa & Anne)

Contact sign lady (Melissa)

ask Phil about car counter (Melissa)

Meeting ended at 7:06pm