

Westgrove PACK Board Meeting Minutes

**Westgrove PACK Westgrove PACK (Pumphouse Association for Canine Kindness)
Board Meeting
August 18, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 5 PM by Chair Kathy Seikel

Members of the board present:

Kathy Seikel, Nancy Urban, Jeff Pandin, Megan Kesling, Melissa Pandin, Barry Spangler, and Jan Speakman

Welcome & Updates

Kathy Seikel, Chair, calls the meeting to order and updates the board on the county's plan to bring more stone dust to the north end of the park. Phil Hager at FCPA informed Kathy this morning, more stone dust will be spread in the north end of the park sometime this week. Kathy will email FCPA tonight asking to see the work order and will ask for them to reconsider.

An email will be sent out tonight to members of the PACK to warn them about the stone dust and also update users on the status of water, dog training, and board elections. Dog training classes in the park will begin Friday, September 18 with Mike Tomai. The puppy class will be at 5:30pm, and adult dogs at 6:30pm.

Board elections will be held at the next PACK meeting, in October (date is TBA). The seats opening up will be Vice Chair, Operations Chair, and 3 at-large seats.

The south end of the park will close the last week of November to protect the grass during the cold winter months. Signage will go up a few weeks prior to warn park users.

Fundraising

Fundraising is going well; \$656 was raised at July's first Saturday in the park. \$265 has also been raised via www.gofundme.com. Our next fundraising events are the first Saturday on September 5, and Dogs in the Park on September 18.

Last dog days of summer fundraiser will be held after the first dog training session. Hot dogs, chips, and baked goods will be served and the donations will be added to the water fund and park beautification.

Melissa will create a fundraising calendar and send out notifications going forward with the fall/winter fundraising schedule. Other ideas in the works are possibly a Dogtober event in October or an event or drive in November to encourage end of the year donations.

Melissa is also doing a weight loss challenge, donating money once per quarter based on her weight loss. Chrissy Dailey will be hosting a boot camp on Saturday mornings to support Melissa's goals, all are welcome to join.

Treasurers Report

\$11,016.20 has been raised through fundraising, caretaker funds, and sustaining caretakers. \$3,397 has been spent -- mostly on waste bags and administrative costs. Thanks to Melissa's hard work, we have our half of the funds necessary to bring water to the park. We are still waiting to hear back about the grant from the county to cover the rest of the cost of bringing water to the park.

Beautification and shade

Scott Erb briefed the board on plans for a shade structure in the park. The structure has been chosen, and will be installed in the south side of the park, where there is currently no shade. The installation will most likely be in two phases, preparing the area (digging holes for the support system and pouring concrete), and the actual installation of the structure. Scott will work with the Eagle Scout candidate to prepare documentation for the county to approve the installation of the structure as well as the addition of six saplings.

Plans for the future include, tree sponsorships, reaching out to Holly, Woods and Vines for donations, engaging park users with an interest in gardening, and more fundraising to beautify our park.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm