

Westgrove PACK Meeting Minutes

**Westgrove PACK Westgrove PACK (Pumphouse Association for Canine Kindness)
Members Meeting
March 2, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6 PM by Interim Chair Brad Gamble

Members present:

17 regular users of Westgrove Park

Welcome

Brad Gamble, Interim Chair, calls the meeting to order. Brad expresses appreciation for everyone who has become caretakers and is excited about the future of the park.

Kathy Seikel, Governance Chair, thanks Brad Gamble and Steve Nixon for their hard work, and for laying the ground work for the next phase of the park.

Steve Nixon, Vice Chair, stresses the importance of keeping the park all turf and maintaining a good relationship with Fairfax County Park Authority.

Budget

Jeff Pandin summarizes the budget (found on page 3); \$1,000 for operating fees (waste bags) and \$500 for administrative costs (web server fees, bank fees, etc.). The first phase for spending is \$1,500, approved at the last general meeting for spring seeding. Fall seeding will cost \$1,000 and accessing water for the park will cost \$2,000. The total budget for 2015 comes to \$6,500.

Motion: To close debate on the proposed 2015 budget.

Vote: Motion carried.

Resolved: The proposed 2015 budget has passed.

Election Results

Lisa Stella announces the results of the spring 2015 election:

Chair.....	Kathy Seikel
Vice Chair.....	Nancy Urban
Treasurer.....	Jeff Pandin
Secretary.....	Megan Kesling
Director of Operations.....	Sean Fitzpatrick
Membership/Funding raising.....	Melissa Pandin
At Large.....	Christine Dailey
At Large.....	Barry Spangler
At Large.....	Jan Speakman

Turf Management

Newly elected Director of Operations, Sean Fitzpatrick expresses a desire to continue the good work started to save the turf field. Sean's suggestion going forward is to focus on creating a rain garden on the north end of the park where the runoff can be absorbed. Sean stresses the importance of fundraising -- and our ability to meet the county more than half way to pay for improvements to the park. Sean plans to develop a master plan for the turf, which includes plans for enhancements to the park as well as plans for budget/fundraising.

Upcoming Events

Newly elected Vice Chair, Nancy Urban announces the Ides of Bark event at Grist Mill Park on Sunday, March 15th, 1 PM – 4 PM. Westgrove and Grist Mill parks are supporters of the event, and it is being sponsored by Supervisor Gerry Hyland. The event is free; there will be 35 vendors, dog adoption, and the Fairfax county Tax Bureau will be issuing dog licenses. If you would like to volunteer at our booth, please contact Melissa Pandin at: melissapandin@yahoo.com.

Plans are in the works for a dedication ceremony in May. More details to follow.

Open Discussion

Jan Speakman suggests using a sample plot for sprigging the turf to get an idea what the whole park would look like, and Patrick Atagi volunteers the use of his aerator.

Discussion regarding the opening of the south side of the park. Brad Gamble announces the south side will open 30 days after the seeding goes down. Regarding water, Brad states we will be working with FCPA to get water in time for seeding; we do still have 600 feet of hose and a water meter if necessary.

The next Westgrove PACK meeting will be on June 2, 2015 at 6 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

**Westgrove PACK
Proposed Budget
2015**

Operations: \$1000

(This is mostly just poop bags. We spent \$865.21 in 2014, but the dispensers weren't always full. This would provide some cushion and leave a little for any other minor operations-related expenses.)

Administration \$500

(2014 was \$420.74. Some of that won't need to be repeated, but we will also be more active this year.)

Fundraising \$500

(2014 was \$200, but there wasn't much fundraising going on and no membership drive)

Projects:

Turf Management

Phase I \$1500

(This is the Spring seeding that was approved at the last meeting, but it needs to be part of the annual budget.)

Phase II \$0

(This is the May Bermuda grass sprigging operation. We have received a quote for \$7000, but we aren't going to be able to raise that much that quickly and we want to investigate this more fully and prepare a comprehensive capital improvement plan before going ahead with an expense of this magnitude.)

Phase III \$1000

(This is the Fall seeding. Similar to the spring seeding)

Water \$2000

(\$1500 for the water line, \$500 for the meter. This doesn't include anything for a fixture/fountain at the park end of the water line or anything for the actual water usage, so we will probably do an amendment later when we have a better idea of the plan.)

Total \$6500