

Westgrove Pack Meeting Minutes 5/21/2019

In attendance: Marissa Vesay, Anne Street, Jeff Pandin, Melissa, Pandin, and Emma McAlary

Meeting started 6:27pm

Agenda is to review MOU language and accept or offer counter language.

The county proposed to solved the drainage by stoning the smaller side. That hasn't changed, but there has more discussion.

Mark asked Todd about other solutions. He seemed open to the idea, but he wanted to talk to his experts . He emailed Mark and said that his team wants to put a light covering of stone dust on the smaller side with some trenching to the drain. The trench idea is not clear and we will have to talk a bit more with Todd. We have more discussion about what this means. How much covering? This will probably be stipulated in the plan says Mark.

Mark will try to get a more clear picture from Todd about this plan.

MOU-

We walk through the changes from what the county sent us back.

First changes in special provisions—we go through the criteria for closing the park.

If anyone of those conditions is met then we can close the south end until the situation is remedied.

We asked if we could close the gate if there is an emergency, but they took it out of special provisions and moved it to another place.

They added,—Westgrove pack is authorized to close from Nov-April for turf maintenance. Opening is subject to change if Pack and County come to agreement.

Mark said Todd implied there is some flexibility on Nov closing.

The board decides to pick April as a reseeding month. We want to change the opening date from April 1 to May 1. We need to have a 60 degree month in order to grow grass.

Anne moves that we change April 1 to May 1. Marissa seconds the motion. All board agrees.

The language says we MAY close , but it doesn't say we HAVE to close.

Marissa suggests that we make sure dates are in the MOU definitely.

Jeff motions to add the word fertilizing after sodding on line 184. Anne seconds. All board agrees.

Melissa asks why can't it be one end or the other. EITHER OR. They want to make sure the park is usable at all ends.

More discussion about either/or.

Mark motions to strike the paragraph that begins "northern end". Melissa and Jeff says "Northern end" just has to be changed to "one end." One side will be open and it will be the one with the least issues."

Line 191 If for some reason we had to close both ends (mowing, maintenance) we would only close for a few hours, otherwise one end is going to be open at all times.

This is what we come up with:

"Notwithstanding any other clause in the MOU, One end of the Westgrove OLDA is to remain open at all times except when mowing or minor maintenance is being performed. This practice is in place to ensure that the Westgrove OLDA is always available for patron usage and is operated consistent with all other Park Authority Off-Leash Dog Areas. It is envisioned that closure of the both ends for either of these purposes will last no more than a few hours during each occurrence."

We discuss number 3 under the Park Authority agrees to section:

Are the sinkholes part of the drainage issue and how do we address that?

Melissa thinks that it would be a county issue. Marissa says that number 3 was probably put in there for the sink holes.

There is a clause up above to address safety issues.

Have they provided references that we requested? They cited the ones that are most relevant.

There is nothing in document that says that they have to consult or inform us about other groups using the park. We discuss this.

We decide to add a number 8 with this language "Notify the Westgrove Pack when event permits are issued for Westgrove Park." All board agrees to add this.

Mark will send it to the county with the track changes on and we will see what they respond with.

Jeff moves "If the county agrees to the amendments that the pack has proposed Mark is 100% authorized to sign it. He is also authorized to negotiate the closing dates from NOV to DEC with the intention of keeping May 1st." Melissa seconds. We all agree!

Meeting ends at 7:28pm.