

Westgrove PACK board meeting October 15, 2023

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM.

Attendees: LeeAnn Williams, Jeff Pandin, Mike Bober, Steve Zielenski, Melissa Pandin, Shawn Bloom, Nathan Mitchell, Michelle Primack, Tamara Srader, Yvonne Kincaid
-regrets: Liz Yap (Chair)

Financials (Jeff):

Income CY2023 so far: \$13,260.04
Expenses CY2023 so far: \$10,421.87
\$15,675.18 B&H
\$2,156.09 Paypal
\$729.23 Venmo

We are in good financial shape.

Turf: Generally this year was pretty successful. Soon we are back in winter mode (mostly bare dirt). Hopefully the drainage works and it stays dry. Water fixture in north end has been fixed. Water feature in south end will be winterized 11/1. Fixed water fixture - leveled and excavated and replaced dirt with gravel. Created french drain and connected to a down spout. Covered with topsoil and sod and then fenced. Thanks so much to Sean Bloom for the huge effort to accomplish this project. Any donations to cover the costs (about \$3000) would be helpful but not necessary. Only remaining thing might be to put a border around the rocks - possibly in conjunction with re-seeding in the spring.

Small Dog Park: Brought up at last general meeting. Decision made that Westgrove would not formally take up the issue but would help interested people work with the county and find an interim solution. Survey showed by a 4-1 margin that people are in favor of a specific area for small dogs. Survey showed that Westgrove members 60-40 would prefer small dog park be located elsewhere for a permanent solution. Regarding specified hours for small dogs at Westgrove as an interim solution for small dogs, 60-40 in favor. Small working group created - next step is to create a follow-up survey that would ask about the best times during the week to close off the north end of the park for small dogs (interim solution). Working with Fairfax County is going slowly. We will need signs and people to volunteer to be monitors once the hours are finalized. To be continued.

Safety Issues: (1) Gates are being left open. Latches aren't always working (Tamara fixes them semi-regularly, but this isn't sustainable). LeeAnn has been looking around for latch options - Sean found a spring-loaded gate closure, but this won't work with the ways our latches work. There are latches at blackjack park (behind the giant) that might work - Nathan will get a photo. Sean will research gate latches and get back to the Westgrove PACK email. (2) Dog fights. NEED TO CONTACT THE COUNTY (police non-emergency) when there is a fight or if there is a dog with recurring fighting issues. Witnesses can make the report in addition to people whose

dogs were directly involved. (3) Dogs jumping the fence. Need to keep chairs away from the fence line. There is a mound in the northeast corner that some dogs use to jump. It has been addressed but still an issue.

Fall Festival: October 28th 2023 1-4 PM. Sponsors are signing on. Need more chili cook-off participants.

Doggie Pool and other north end improvements: Fairfax County is still working on the approval of our proposal. We will send representatives to the Fairfax County park board meeting on 10/25 to see if we can get a response of some kind there.

Elections: Shawn Bloom was elected director of operations. LeeAnn will continue to serve as Vice-Chair. Yvonne, Sam, Steve Zielenski elected at-large members.

Shout out to Pampered Pet! They have donated poop bags this year and will do it again for 2024. So far in 2023 we have used about 57,000 poop bags!

Meeting is adjourned.