

Westgrove Dog Park Board Meeting November 17, 2022 via Zoom

Attendees: Michelle Primack, Andrew Wagner, Liz Yap, Jeff Pandin, Leeann Williams, Yvonne Kinkaid

Chair Greeting

Info regarding park on the website should there be questions. Alternatively, email Liz or Jeff.

Treasurer Report

Current \$13,672.53 Burke & Herbert

PayPal \$1047.53

Venmo \$345.00

More than sufficient to get through the winter. Expenses higher in spring due to turf maintenance, etc. At least a couple thousand on our way to the \$40K target for North End improvements.

A little over \$1000 on deposit with FFX county park authority. Can be used to pay expenses that go through the park authority. (e.g., water faucet). Not a lot of things have been coordinated with the park authority because it's easier to go with our own vendors and pay for it ourselves.

Poop bags will be paid for by the pampered pet this year. Saves us about \$1000.

New Business

2023 Budget projected \$10,345 operations (covers routine operational activities). \$1700 for administration (website, PO box insurance, etc.) \$1000 for fundraising activities. Other scope is done on a project-by-project basis.

Agenda for meeting with Park Authority Meet with our liaison William Douglas to discuss spring turf plan, get sign-off on North End improvements, discuss maintenance of the swale, ask for some better tables, pothole repair (this would be a park authority responsibility), and cutting down the split limb on the mulberry tree. Meeting has yet to be scheduled.

>> What can the scouts do to help? Bird houses in shed for birds to nest could be placed around the park possibly? Spring might be good. Andrew Wagner will talk to scoutmaster about a potential community service project. Could Huntley Meadows staff help us figure out a plan to do it?

>>Do we need to improve handicap accessibility to the park? The north end doesn't seem to be as accessible and when the south end is closed, folks with wheelchairs/walkers/other mobility concerns can't get to the park. Paving plans are in place to facilitate ADA compliance; happening in stages. Jeff will get a price for paving a path/other accommodations in the north end in an expedited fashion.

Winterization of the Park

Water fountain in north end – turned off and drained the water line last week. South end water fountain stays on. Park remains open until mid-late March. At that time, south end closes for turf management and opens late April-mid May. North end stays open all year.

Winter Fundraising for the North End Improvements

Sponsors? Selling banners to advertise in the park is one good option. Should all fundraising be toward North End improvements? Caretakers generally cover the costs of annual maintenance, but regardless, maintenance will be covered first.

Should the board have pins that say something like “Ask me how to get involved in the PACK”? Liz and Leeann to explore.

Schedule upcoming meetings

No meeting in December

Next meeting January 18, 2023

Meeting also scheduled for February 16, 2023

Meeting Adjourned at 8 PM.