

Westgrove PACK board meeting November 15, 2023

Attendees: Liz Yap, Michelle Primack, LeeAnn Williams, Shawn Bloom, Yvonne Kinkaid, Steve Zielenski, Mike Bober, Jeff Pandin

Regrets: Sam Longstreet

Financials (Jeff):

\$ 14,814.50 B&H

\$ 4,447.17 Paypal

\$ 806.73 Venmo

\$ 20,068.40 total

Fall Festival update: \$2,256 from Fall festival

YTD fundraising/banner: \$16,358.04

Old Business

Meeting update with county (Jeff, Shawn, Liz, LeeAnn): Shawn sent out a document with notes from the meeting with William Douglas (county). Lots of talk about the turf. Talked about the possible benefits of mulching in September. County volunteered to drop off mulch (on the inside fence of the south side) as long as we tell them when we need it. County is okay if we wait to move dirt pile until spring (county will tell us where to put the dirt). We can either pay to move it or we can do it ourselves (we can roll it into a community clean-up day). County wants us to level off sod with mulch (worry about tripping, although the fence can help). We can keep the fence around the sod until May. County seems willing to work with us and is primarily concerned about safety.

Gates/Latches(Shawn): County is good with what we are proposing and is willing to reach out to Long Fence and will pay for labor. We need to look at Long Fence proposal but if the county is willing to pay for labor, Shawn thinks we should go for it. Probably the best case scenario. Need to make sure there won't be a supply chain issue. If there is, maybe we should look at other alternatives. We will circle back with this.

County will be re-stripping parking areas.

Water/Splash Area Project Update (Liz): Finally heard back from the county. Approved walkway and fountain. Pushed back on the dog pool but didn't speak about anything else in the proposal. Adam (contact at county) is not happy with concrete splash area because of maintenance of the area (standing water and health implications). They don't necessarily understand that the project is intending to address existing standing water issues. What would the county propose instead? The dog pool will help maintain the rain garden which will help with standing water issues. Would be great if we could meet with Adam directly, maybe even at the dog park. We can also improve our communication to park users about why this project is a good idea. Maybe we need to send out another poll to see how important the splash pad/pool is to the users should the county reject our plan after further explanation.

Small Dog Park (Mike): Mike has not met with committee since the last time we talked. Will set something up for after Thanksgiving and will send out survey.

Fall Festival Round-up/Feedback (LeeAnn/Michelle): LeeAnn thought it went well. Would have been nice to have had more activities, maybe, but overall it was a good day. Liz wants to consider making this bi-annual because if people start to miss it, they will get more involved. Just something to think about.

Poop Bags - Do we need More? \*need someone to pick up\* - Mike will pick them up.  
How are the supplies looking? We have six rolls left. Liz will see when we can get more (hopefully in December)

Do we need a sign-up genius again for dispensers (each board member should sign up for one week min): Yes we will do this again.

Pampered Pet is back for 2024

Liz will create and send another social media thank-you post

Bird House update (Andrew/Michelle): Michelle will look into joining the blue bird society and taking the training. County is still reviewing updates to the proposal. Once Andrew hears back, he will make any necessary changes and will hopefully have approval soon. Andrew will talk with his troop about maintenance in the future.

Swag: (Jeff) 36 hats have been ordered.

### New Business

Park cleanup event will be morning 12/2 as long as weather is decent. Any cleanup, poop pickup, dirt pile, mulching, etc.

Response to dog barking (video with sound): We have posted about this on social media to try to encourage dog owners to be respectful. We as the PACK cannot do anything specific about it and she should call the non-emergency number if she has concerns.

New email from Chair- sending on Thursday with news and things to be aware of. Liz will mention that we are looking for an interim fundraising and membership chair

Next meeting dates:

17 January 2024 7PM (virtual)

21 February 2024 7PM (virtual)

Need to set up Spring General Meeting for the spring at January board meeting.  
Meeting is adjourned at 8:15.