

## Westgrove Dog Park Board Meeting July 13, 2023 via Zoom and in-person

Attendees: Michelle Primack, Liz Yap, Jeff Pandin, LeeAnn Williams, Yvonne Kinkaid, Scott Erb

### Treasurer Report

Jeff sent out the financials last week. As of today:

Current \$9229.68 Burke & Herbert

PayPal \$4823.73

Venmo \$0 (just rolled over to B&H)

We are on track with the budget; no issues.

### **Old Business**

Turf Update (Jeff): Turf was aerated a couple of weeks ago per county request. Don't see much difference right now, but might see it later. Plumber has taken a look at north end water feature. Needs a part that has been ordered and hopefully it will come in soon. Regarding summer watering – we have gotten a lot of rain. Jeff was there today and it generally looks good. Will revisit in August. Noticed a pink wading pool surrounded by mud which leads to bugs. Existing policy with wading pools is that we take them away. Jeff didn't do that with this one because he wanted to confirm policy with board. Liz is going to send an email/social blast to remind people not to bring pools before putting up another banner banning pools. We'll see if the email works.

Small Dog Park (Mike): Mike is out of town. Update when possible.

Gate Latches (LeeAnn): No update. LeeAnn will let us know when she has more information.

Dogs Jumping Fence (Yvonne, Jeff, Mike): Is it still happening? Fence jumpers are there in the morning. No one is currently complaining, but we still want to address the issue. We haven't dropped the ball, just have a lot going on.

Social Media Guru (Liz): Thomas Radley is officially the social media guru. He is already uploading to our socials. Board should try to like as many posts as possible to provide visibility.

Cleaning the Canopy (Jeff): Jeff is prepared to powerwash it. When? Jeff will figure out what works with his schedule. When do we need to replace what we have? Rainproof might be a good idea.

Caretaker: We have a table set up when we do this. Friday? Saturday? Sunday? In July? Add onto HDF again? What about a weekday evening? **Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 5:30-8 pm is the consensus. Board should come if/when they can.** If the weather is bad, Liz will reschedule.

Birdhouses/Eagle Scout Proposal from Andrew: Andrew will need money to do this project. He will talk to the county and get approvals, put proposed locations for the houses on a map, and present the larger plan to the board once he has it.

HDF & Possible Sponsorship: We have a sponsor for this Friday. There are 6 more HDFs between now and labor day. Liz will let everyone know if it is cancelled due to weather. We have enough volunteers for tomorrow. Jeff will be out of town 8/11 – Liz will host and will need help.

## **New Business**

Fall Festival: Halloween weekend 10/28 1-4 PM is the current date. Should Liz send out an email to form a committee? Who from the board will be the chair? Maybe someone who has done it before (Jeff's wife?) can work with a someone who hasn't chaired before. LeeAnn volunteered to help in a leadership role. Michelle will help as well. We could include chili cookoff, raffle baskets, dog costume contest, photo booth... We need to get sponsors as well. (On a related note, are we going to do a spring fling next year?)

Fundraising Campaign: Banner has a thermometer that looks like a bone held by dogs. Goal would be \$20,000 and will show how much we have already raised this year (almost \$7,000). Needs to be installed carefully. This is for our 2023 fundraising year.

Cute Hot Dog Squeaker Toy: Cost about \$7/ea on ebay (vendor has 12). Could pampered pet get us a better deal at wholesale? Liz will ask. In the meantime, she will order these. These would be a gift to those who donate \$120 as sustaining caretakers.

Next meeting:

August 16<sup>th</sup> (Jeff's house) September 13<sup>th</sup> (Michelle's house)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM.