

Westgrove PACK board meeting September 13, 2023

Attendees: Liz Yap; Jeff Pandin; Michelle Primack; LeeAnn Williams; Sam Longstreet

Regrets: Mike Bober; Yvonne; Scott;

Financials (Jeff):

\$15,805.10 B&H

\$773.73 Paypal

\$654.23 Venmo

\$17,233.06 total

Liz will update the thermometer at the dog park with new financial numbers

Jeff will get us new caretaker and hot dog friday numbers

Old Business

Both water fixtures and mud abatement update (Jeff): Jeff ran into plumber and put us back on his radar screen. Repair involves getting a part and installing it. We need it working by 11/1 because the south fixture shuts down (not freeze proof). Update on mud abatement - Jeff has seen some photos and it's actually pretty extensive work. Waiting to hear back from William Douglas about where water line is (Miss Utility doesn't do this on county property). Jeff probably knows where it is because he saw it being installed. Hope it's completed before Fall Festival because it is currently the only water source.

Turf Update (Jeff): A park user has possibly offered to help us with the landscaping for free, but we don't have any time or schedule commitment so it might not be the direction we want to go. If what he wants to do is fall seeding, that doesn't work for us. Fall aerating would be good though. Jeff will keep us updated. Using our regular paid service might be better.

Small Dog Park Update (Mike): Mike is having a Zoom meeting 9/14 and there will be followup after that meeting. Liz will be on the call as well. Maybe we should consider calm, older dogs for inclusion? LeeAnn thinks a calming area might be better than a small dog park. Liz will bring up this idea to Mike at tomorrow's meeting.

Caretaker in September? Yay or Nay? (Liz): Nay for September given the Fall Festival.

Splash/Water Feature, County (Liz): County has had proposal since Jan, they have gotten drawings in April, and we have not heard back yet. The county has their "guy" looking into it. No information from William Douglas. People have been asking about it. Might be worth it to go to the Park Board (Linwood Gorham for Mt Vernon). Liz and Jeff will figure out when next Park Board meeting is and hopefully more than one PACK board member can go.

Gate Latches update (LeeAnn): LeeAnn has done some research but needs to work with someone who knows more about latches. LeeAnn has noticed that the current latches need to

be adjusted about every three weeks (Tamara fixes them). Not necessarily an urgent replacement, but definitely a hassle. We can have others check besides Tamara. Mainly one gate - small end gate on the left. We will revisit this. LeeAnn will talk to Sean - has to be addressed before we do out seeding.

Fall Festival update (Michelle and LeeAnn): Michelle will start contacting sponsors via email. Do we have a letter to take to businesses? LeeAnn will check to make sure the letter Liz sent (date needs to be changed to current date) is in Word so it can be updated. Need to make sure we have the IRS tax number if businesses want it. We should start promoting now. LeeAnn has three people for set up. Will ask Thomas Radley about taking photos. We will have a caretaker table. LeeAnn will check with Melissa about raffle baskets. We will have a grill master and a chili cookoff. Maybe photos with Santa? We should have a fall festival committee meeting within the next week or so.

Bird Houses - Eagle Scout Project (Michelle): Because it's outside the fence, we need the county to approve. Should we put it inside the fence instead? Budget is \$225-\$250 depending on the height of the poles. Also includes adding 3 bat houses (Andrew has found kits) for mosquito control. Need to check to make sure the bat houses don't require maintenance (too much bat guano?). Glenda Booth might be a good person to talk to (she runs Friends of Dyke Marsh). Liz will talk to her or get us her information. Maybe talk to Park Board or Fairfax County supervisor? Liz might have a post hole digger so we wouldn't have to rent one, but they're not expensive to rent. We will tell the county that we are planning to do this and if we don't hear by the end of the month, we will assume we have permission.

New Business

Order more baseball caps (Jeff): Minimum is 72 caps. Cost is about \$15/cap. Jeff will look into it.

Water Bowl sharing: We might need more signs. We can't police the dogs or the owners on this topic. Maybe some sort of yard sign? Liz will design something for review.

Next meeting: October 12 7 PM virtual.

General meeting is October 15th 3PM at Sherwood Hall

Meeting is adjourned at 8:15.