



DOG PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday September 11, 2024 7:00 PM
Virtually via Zoom

Present:

Tom Gillispie, Chair

Karen Martin, Vice Chair

Fred Kinch

Nadia Byrnes

Absent:

Dean Charter

Clare Siska

Guests:

Jeff Be

Thom Begin

Cathy Fochtman

Joe Will

Opening

Chair Tom Gillispie called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

New Business/Old Business Update

Thom Begin provided three updates:

- A. A contract has been issued for WDA and should be signed by 9/18. The contract will be put out to bid before the end of the calendar year.
- B. Joe Connelly from Stanton has been updated and Stanton is ready to finalize the grant.
- C. MASS DOT will be receiving information from Stamski and McNary. Change orders can be ordered if needed moving forward.

Regular Business

- A. Focus of meeting on Dog Park rules.
- B. The committee agreed three dogs max per adult and that the park is open and inclusive for all adults aged 16 or older. Motion-Limit set for three dogs per adults. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. MGL wording will be reviewed and included.
- D. The committee will ask for wording from the recreation department in regard to liability and dogs being a nuisance.
- E. Octoberfest- Friends meeting on the 18th to finalize plans. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer for the dog balloon booth. Discussion ensued about payment methods and other fundraising ideas.

Approval of minutes postponed to next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 25, 2024.

Citizens' Concerns- None

Adjournment

At 7:55 it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin