

**DOG PARK COMMISSION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES
June 22, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

Park and Rec Bldg.

PRESENT: Doreen Raymond, Scott Adamson, Dan Ciesielski,
Amanda LaCasse
STAFF PRESENT: Robert Lee, Town Manager, Colin Regan, Director of
Recreation, Tom Warnat, Chair of the Park and Recreation
Board
ABSENT: Penny Reola, Rick Drezek, Felecia Mandeville

I. Minutes / Roll Call

A Motion to accept the June 8th Regular Meeting Minutes as written by: Amanda LaCasse

Second: Doreen Raymond

All in Favor 4 to 0

Minutes approved

B. Dick Spencer resigned from the commission. Tom and Dan to verify that the other members of the commission are still interested in participating. Tom and Dan to find more members if needed.

II. Update on Meeting with Kathy Pugliese, Town Council Chairwoman, Robert Lee and Police Chief

Dan met with Kathy Pugliese, Robert Lee and the Police Chief to discuss the Dog Park. Kathy and the Police Department have several safety concerns. The Town Council is very supportive of the Dog Park, but believe another location would be more suitable. Their safety concerns are:

1. What if a dog gets loose and bites? Irresponsible dog owners.
2. Norton Park is too busy of a location for the Dog Park, too many people there.
3. Traffic

The other proposed locations at Paderewski and Trumbull were also discussed. The consensus is that those locations are also not suitable because of the same safety concerns and proximity of residents.

Based on the discussions the best possible locations are the Robert Street Extension locations. Robert will work up a plan over the next month to share with the commission in July. Robert also said that there might be additional sites available in the next year or so, but he cannot confirm for sure at this time.

Robert and Dan suggested meeting monthly going forward until a time that a location is selected. The commission members agree.

Motion to hold meetings of the Dog Park Committee the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 pm starting in July by: S. Adamson

Second: Amanda La Casse

All in Favor 4 to 0

Motion Passes, next meeting will be July 27th.

III. Discussion on Dog Park sites

Discussed above

IV. Next Steps

Amanda will be attending the Farmer's Market to talk to residents about the Dog Park. She will hand out brochures and report feedback from residents at the next meeting.

Scott to also attend the Farmer's Market.

The commission agrees it would be a good idea to have a table at the Balloon Festival to talk to residents. Dan and Tom to follow up.

Amanda gave Robert a \$20.00 donation she received for the Dog Park. Robert to have Town Staff start a Dog Park Fund.

The members asked if it is ok to start fundraising. Robert and Dan agree it is ok, as long as it is baskets or something like that. If the commission decides to do raffle prizes they need to inform the Town.

Proposed Amenity List will stay on the minutes....

The committee discussed the amenities that the Dog Park should include:

1. Water
2. Fencing
3. Picnic Tables
4. Gazebo / Shelter

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5. Double Entry
6. Perimeter Path
7. Poop Bags
8. Trash Cans / Recycling Cans
9. Rule Board
10. Shadow Box
11. Large and Small Areas
12. Handicap Spot

V. Audience to Visitors

One visitor is interested in becoming an alternate for the commission.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is July 27. All members are asked to attend.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by: Doreen Raymond to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm.

The motion was seconded by: Felecia Mandeville

Vote: 4-0 in favor Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

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Recording Secretary