

**DOG PARK COMMISSION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES
August 23, 2017**

REGULAR MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

Park and Rec Bldg.

PRESENT: Doreen Raymond, Scott Adamson, Pam Chamberlin, Dan Ciesielski, Amanda LaCasse
STAFF PRESENT: Ben Gediman Park and Rec Board
ABSENT: Felecia Mandeville

1. Minutes

Motion to accept the August 21, 2017 minutes as written by: Pam Chamberlin
Second: Amanda LaCasse

All in Favor 5 to 0

Minutes approved

2. Correspondence – Dan shared an email from Karen Kowalczyk with some concerns about the Dog Park.

3. Update Town Council 8/21/17 meeting -

The Town Council opted to call a Public Hearing for the residents to be able to discuss concerns and questions on the proposed location of the Dog Park.

Dan reported that he was present at the meeting and that there were 4 residents opposed to the Dog Park. Only 1 of the residents opposed lives close to the proposed site. The other concerns seemed to be traffic related, which is a police enforcement issue.

Dan reported that Mr. Lee suggested getting some videos of local Dog Parks to play at the public hearing. Karen Okoski and Greg Diaz, 34 Park Street in Plainville were present at the meeting and they volunteered to do visits to the local Dog Parks and do the video.

Amanda called local Dog Wardens and got information about dogs fighting, accidents etc. at the town Dog Parks. She contacted Bristol, Southington and Wolcott. She will put together the information with the Dog Warden Contact phone numbers for the Public Hearing.

The proposed date of the public hearing is September 11. All Commissioners are requested to attend if possible. Dan to confirm date and time and communicate it to the commissioners.

Dan presented a petition for the commissioners to ask residents to sign in favor of the location of the Dog Park. The commissioners agree that the petition is a good idea. The commissioners that are working at the Balloon Festival will talk to residents. The commission agrees that it will be a good idea to also leave the petition at local business to get more signatures. The commissioners will drop off the petition at the following businesses:

1. Pet Smart- Doreen to drop it off there.
2. Dirty Tails – Doreen to drop it off there.
3. Ragged Mountain – Scott to drop it off there.
4. Plainville Dog Grooming – Amanda to drop it off there.

All petitions will be picked up before the public hearing and be presented to the Town Council.

Motion to take a recess by: Scott Adamson

Seconded by: Doreen Raymond

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

Start: 6:06 pm

Motion to come out of recess by: Amanda LaCasse

Seconded by: Scott Adamson

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

End: 6:13 pm

The committee talked about having a Dog Rally before the public hearing to get some more support for the Dog Park. The committee agrees that it would be a good idea. The committee decided Norton Park would be a good location for the rally. Ben Gediman suggests doing it in the Band Shell in case of inclement weather.

Amanda to contact Nancy Borio and set a date for the rally. Possible dates are September 9 or September 16, depending on when the public hearing occurs.

4. Discussion on Balloon Festival, Volunteer Schedule –

The commission talked about the Balloon Festival on August 25 – August 27.

Amanda shared the proposed schedule. The commissioners agree on the schedule.

Amanda presented the game she made for the booth. She asked to be reimbursed for the cost of making the game.

A motion was made by: Pam Chamberlin to reimburse Amanda LaCasse for \$69.12, the cost of the game for the booth for the Balloon Festival.

Seconded by: Doreen Raymond

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

5. Volunteers to help with Public Relations and Fundraising-

Pam will handle public relations for the commission. Dan is working on a letter to send out to local businesses to request donations for the Dog Park.

Pam will work on creating a list and contact information for the letters. Pam to present the list at the meeting September 7.

Amanda will handle fundraising for the commission. Amanda has some fundraising ideas that will be discussed at future meetings.

Fundraising Ideas – (will stay on the minutes)

Some ideas the commission came up with are:

- Rotary
- Local Dog Pet Groomers and vets
- Community Fund
- Norton Trust
- Amanda to set up Go Fund Me Acct
- Grooming Fundraiser

6. Other

1. Dog Park Design options – on hold until location is approved by the Town Council.

2. Ben reported that Stan Bojanowski is a new committee member for the Dog Park.

7. Public Comment

Karen Okoski and Greg Diaz of 34 Park Street were present at the meeting and in favor of the Dog Park. They also volunteered to help at the Balloon Festival. They might be interested in becoming commissioners on the committee. Dan to follow up with them at the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting

- **Next meeting will be September 7, 2017** – It will be a special meeting. The Commission will discuss the Balloon Festival, Public Hearing and results of the petition.

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
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

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by: Amanda LaCasse to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

The motion was seconded by: Pam Chamberlin

Vote: 5 to 0 in favor Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

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