

Village Park Committee (Dog Park Working Committee) Minutes

Meeting date: Thursday, March 3, 2022

Meeting location and time: Village Community Center @ 5pm

Members present: R, Meyers (chair), M. Fenn, P. Parks; **Others Present:** J. Schustek, Erica Flowers, Sharon Anton, Jackie Fitzgerald, and Janine Beauchaine

Proposed location of dog Park: Behind Recycling Center

Logistics on the proposed location: Need an open field. Currently some trees and stumps need to be removed and ground needs some leveling. Already have a gravel space for parking that abuts Town line Road side. There is a shed with electricity available. Water access is possible-some type of spigot for animals.

Expected/estimated costs of dog park project:

Tree and stump removal-projected costs \$15,000 (pending what is required)

Fencing-looking to coordinate grants by combining with Pickle Ball Court needs at Olson/Taylor Field Park-Rick working with Glenn on this

Type of Fencing proposed: 6ft height, spring loaded double gate at front entrance, divided space-one for large dogs and another for small dogs.

Hours of operation: Similar to other park hours-6am to 10:30pm; available year round-use at own risk

Purposed usage: Residences of Lola and others

Fees suggested offsetting maintenance expenses, such as grass cutting and garbage receptacle disposal:

Yearly fee stickers – paid and stickers distributed by the Village (can pay cash or use credit cards)

Daily user fee– paid on site in donor security box using provided envelopes

Size of proposed location: about 400 x 170 feet (longer than football field)

Fund raising considerations:

Raffles – sell around town, at 20 dollars/ticket, when drawings commence – 30 opportunities to win with same ticket with 300 dollar winning amounts, except on Sundays with 500 dollar winning amounts for ticket purchasers. All tickets sold past 450 will be proceeds towards the dog park. Goal is to sell 1,000 or more tickets. Each Dog Park Committee Member will be given raffle tickets to sell. The Village will be our treasure of the funds. The Village will keep track of the number of tickets sold and to whom for contacting winners. Any won can purchase a raffle; no limit on the number anyone can purchase.

Brat fry at Lola Sentry Grocery store and possibly a bake sale also. The date is yet to be determined/will coordinate with Doug or Nate on the date.

Other fund raising ideas included contacting Lola Chamber to help with posting of fundraising efforts for Dog Park, and also perhaps having raffle tickets available for purchase through the Chamber. Rick will speak with Greg Loescher.

Sharon A. mentioned at the meeting to post information on a local site in Iola called "Next Door."

Contact local surrounding veterinarian clinics to see if they would donate towards for example benches-inside and outside of the dog park, or other park amenities. All who donate can also receive tax deductible contributions towards dog park project and name plate recognition.

Suggested setting up donation plaques and sponsorship forms-at different levels of contributions will be recognized accordingly.

Also suggested to place information in the Village Sewer and Water Bill regarding the fund raising/ raffle effort-the start, how to participate, and more regarding the Dog Park.

Projected opening of Dog Park: By the end summer of 2022.

Next meeting date: Thursday, April 7th at 5pm. Will discussing more about raffles and fundraising, Dog Park rules, and any updates.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm