

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE DOG PARK COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Dog Park Committee of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met in regular session at Community Center in Watson Trail Park, 3915 S. Lindbergh Blvd., in said City on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Janet Bindbeutel	-Chairman
	Nick Dragan	-Member
	Jan Hoffmann	-Member
	Chrissie Risnek	-Member
	Gerald Brown	-Director of Parks and Recreation
Absent:	Ken Luhman	-Member

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Alderman Hoffmann made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Risnek seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss one time prorated fee January 1 – June 30

Mr. Bindbeutel asked if there were any thoughts from members regarding a pro-rated membership at the dog park. Mr. Brown stated there was a monthly fee set up for college kids. He stated this was designed for when kids come home for Christmas break, etc. They don't have to pay the entire fee. Mr. Brown suggested either buying the pass for an entire year or developing a prorated pass at a set price. Mr. Dragan stated the prorated price should be established for the first time user entering into the Dog Park mid-year. Established members would pay full price per year. Mr. Brown stated a prorated price could be established from January 1 – June 30 and then starting with July 1 members would be required to pay full price. After discussion among members it was decided to set a prorated fee for residents and a prorated fee for non-residents. Mr. Dragan made a motion to approve pro-rated pricing from January 1 – June 30 in the amount of \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Alderman Hoffmann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved

Discuss Astro turf (Pricing)

Mr. Brown stated the when the dog park opened the sod wasn't down and there was a water issue in the back. He stated in the winter the ground would freeze and then thaw. He stated everyone would bring their dogs up which caused an area of no grass. Mr. Brown stated

this was a continual cycle that would be dealt with at a later date. He suggested once the weather went bad the dog park close for 6 weeks. Ms. Bindbeutel had wondered if AstroTurf had ever been considered. Ms. Risnek stated possibly a certain area should be AstroTurf so the maintenance crew could shut off all areas beside the AstroTurf area. There was discussion among the members and they felt that was a good idea. Mr. Brown stated he would check on pricing and get back with the committee.

Mr. Brown suggested that when the weather breaks the committee meet at the Dog Park. He stated he would like to discuss moving the tables around monthly so they don't tear up the sod. He stated if the members were at the Dog Park it would be easy to identify and communicate about changing items. The members agreed that would be good.

Discuss communication (e-blasts and postcards.)

Mr. Brown stated he would like to discuss communications. He stated there was one e-blast sent out to let the members know the code was changed and another e-blast regarding maintenance. Mr. Brown stated it was apparent that people were not reading the e-blast because they were still showing up to the dog park. He stated the new policy for maintenance is to put a sign on the gate. Mr. Brown stated there was only one complaint and it works out the best. Mr. Brown stated he felt the code should be changed four times a year at various intervals. He stated if the new code is communicated via e-blast members would be required to pay attention to the e-blast. There was discussion among the members about what should be included in the e-blast besides the new code.

NON AGENDA ITEMS

Alderman Hoffmann stated she had been asked some questions regarding lack of parking, shade and irrigation. Mr. Brown stated the Dog Park members are allowed to use the Truman School parking lot and at this time this is the only option. He stated in the future a parking lot may come up for discussion. There was discussion among the member regarding various issues such as security and lighting.

Mr. Brown stated there are 400 plus memberships. Ms. Bindbeutel asked how many memberships were resident versus non-resident. Mr. Brown stated the last time he looked at the percentages the findings indicated 65% were Sunset Hills residents, 22% Crestwood residents and the balance were other.

Alderman Hoffmann asked Mr. Brown about irrigation. Mr. Brown stated the irrigation is fixed. He stated it was a construction issue. He feels there may be a natural spring on the back side. Mr. Brown stated the back side will require a storm water retention fix long term.

Alderman Hoffman asked Mr. Brown about the K-9 training. He stated the individual is still interested and would try and get the training on the calendar for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hoffmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Ms. Risnek seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary

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