



Billerica Dog Park
365 Boston Road, Billerica MA 01821

Billerica Dog Park Committee Minutes (rev 2020-07-14)

June 8, 2020

7:00pm-8:30pm

Via WebEx

Attendees:

Kim Bloomfield, Jennifer Chubb, Shirley Holdman, Brenda Komarinski, Diana Logue, Alex Kyle, Mark Reid

Minutes:

Brenda led the meeting. Mark took minutes.

Mark will send out link to committee to all online Google Docs files.

Brenda provided update on finances. Current balance is \$17,222. Set aside ~\$3,400 for paint and benches, leaving \$13,751 remaining. Of the \$8,000 operating budget commitment, we spent \$1,208 for the past year. Mark proposed we send the Town a statement at their F/Y end of our expenditure. If trend continues in coming years, we may be able to lessen the \$8,000/year town requirement. Mark or Brenda will prepare it.

Brenda reminded the group of the online Operations and Maintenance document and log. Read it, follow it. Use it. Link is sent in the agenda.

Brenda provided an update on the Pavilion. Work is complete on the structure. Painting and benches are pending. Diana is awaiting quote from Painting By George. Mark said benches are still back-ordered. \$376 remains in the fund for Brian Carpentier to add a tree.

Spring Clean-up was June 6. Pavilion columns routed. Walkway cleared of pea stone. Site weeded. Trash picked-up. Still remaining is the pea stone containment edging. Brenda, Diana, Alex, Mark & Shirley will meet 1pm on June 14 to complete edging.

Planters project put on hold for now since we could not get a volunteer installation commitment. Possibly resurrect fall 2020 or spring 2021 once pandemic restrictions subside, and scouts and others are more available. Diana will spruce up existing planting beds with more mulch.

2020 Commemorative Bricks have been engraved. Mark noted we sold 5, but we had to replace 2 misprinted, and 17 designated for pavilion donors. Net fundraiser proceeds are about \$390. Alex will pick up from vendor June 15. Brenda Diana, Jenn, Kim, Alex planning to install 9am on June 19.

Diana noted "CHIP" sign on statue was damaged, and will replace it..

Alex wants to look into a web cam for the dog park. The Committee supported the idea.

Discussion on 2021 Commemorative Brick fundraiser. Brenda noted one person is already asking to buy a brick. Committee agreed to hold for now, possibly bring it back this fall or 2021, but not start selling now.



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Diana updated on Stanton follow-up grants. We were eligible June 1 for additional funds, as well as more in the coming year. Still planning to prioritize walkway improvements and shed, but will hold off for now and “bank” the amount until we have better information on walkway options.

Brenda heard back from Flatbreads on our coronavirus postponed fundraiser. Flatbreads offered June 23. Shirley suggested, and the Committee voted to postpone due to limited timing and uncertainty of how it operates in the new normal.

Yankee Doodle Homecoming was cancelled. We will not proceed with Four Paws in Action, or our information booth.

Mark noted we might want to monitor our Google reviews, which give us 4.1 stars. Other nearby dog parks have 4.2 to 4.7 stars. Alex offered to take on look into reviews for feedback and reactions. Alex suggested a sign on kiosk with link to leave google reviews. The Committee supported Alex and the effort.

July Committee meeting may be held at BATV, the new pavilion, or Diana’s house depending on pandemic reopening options. Mark will monitor and provide update prior to July meeting.

Next meeting: Monday July 13, 2020. 7:00pm. Location TBD.
Respectfully submitted,
Mark Reid