

Danville Dog Park Committee

Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 8th, 6:30 p.m.

Danville Town Offices

Mission: The Danville Dog Park Committee shall strive to establish and maintain an enclosed, off-leash dog park where well-behaved dogs and dog owners can exercise and socialize in a clean, safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property, or wildlife.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at 6:37 p.m. Attending were Alison Low, Chelsea Hewitt, Karen Hauserman, Gary Farrow, and Jeremy Goss.

1. Old Business: We discussed site and permit updates. Jeremy Goss is new to the group – welcome! He has considerable experience with need some fencing and excavation, and has most recently installed fencing for a dog park in Burlington. That fence was 4' high, but we explained that at least one portion of the fence would need to be much higher out of concerns about dogs scaling the fence the take a dip in the lagoons.

Karen started looking at fencing prices. Needs a site map. About 1,100 feet. 10 feet is really really high. The most recent fence that Jeremy did was 4 feet. 10 feet is tennis court height. 8 feet is probably adequate. If it snows, we can shovel, getting a snow blower in will be a challenge. Access at the back for private use to get equipment in. The front side should be 4 or 5 feet.

Site plan needed to establish fencing plan. Black vinyl vs galvanized? The cost is going to be double.

We need a site visit, and this is planned for April, prior to the start of our regular meeting on April 6 – we will meet at 6:00 at the site.

2. Town Meeting Preparation

Town Report is off to print. There is a page about the Dog Park. We have signage and handouts, as well as flyers with meeting date and map of the location. Karen will make biscuits and a basket for donation. Gary could man the table. Karen can be there too. Set up at 9-9:30, in coordination with orientation.

Gary was hoping to get in touch with Rachel Keach.

5K Fundraiser Plan: Fun Run during the Danville Fair. Randy Rathburn has traditionally organized it. August 3rd. Typically held at 9:00. Different age groups and prizes. Can we include dogs? Probably not! Do we want prizes? Do we want to sell t-shirts? We can put together gift bag with goodies, product samples. Uline has cheap bags. T-shirts would be nice. T-shirt printer in St. Albans. 100 signed up for the 5k last year. If we do registration early and get sizing, we should be okay. Order 150 or 200. Last year was 10 per person, but no T-shirt. With a T-shirt, we could get more for registration.

We currently half just under \$500, so we will hopefully raise more at TMD to pre-order T-shirts! Goes Peacham Road to Rail Trail to Brainerd and back up. 180 shirts cost about \$9 each. We could cover them through pre-registrations. We could order 5 or 6 just to start publicity.

Alison -- Talk to Michelle about setting up a nonprofit Venmo or PayPal and we will need nonprofit paperwork.

50/50 raffle. Can set up a booth at the fair. All we need is a roll of tickets. Fastest way to raise money. We will need to reserve a table. Will need to coordinate with Eric.

Dunk Tank might pull in another \$100.

Alison can attend the Danville Fair Meeting on 2/22/24 to discuss plans for the 5K.

4. Bottle drive in the future? Talk to Clayton.

5. Bark for Your Park opens up on August 24th.

Autumn on the Green fundraising. 50/50 won't be ideal for AOG. We could sell biscuits and T-shirts. Karen will be there to sell them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.