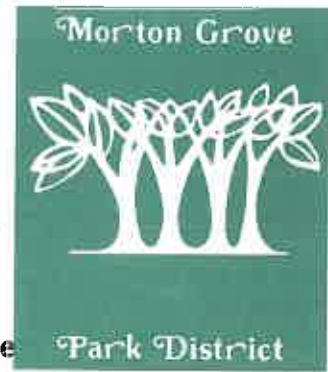


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Prairie View Community Center
6834 Dempster, Morton Grove, IL 60053
Minutes of the Dog Park Advisory Committee
Held on November 19, 2015 at 6:30 pm

- I. **Call to Order:** Executive Director Wait called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. **Staff Present:** Jeff Wait, Executive Director and Claudia Marren, Executive Administrative Assistant

Committee Members Present: Mary Ward, Janice Cha, Brian Harris, Katie Bertoglio, and Janine Witko

Guests Present: Dan Ashta, Jan and Steve
- III. **Public Comment:** Dan Ashta mentioned he was glad to be here.
- IV. **Research Discussion:** Executive Director Wait compiled a comparison sheet of the dog parks which the committee members researched. He reviewed the various components and discussed which aspects were most likely needed and should be included in the Morton Grove dog park study. To summarize:
 - At least an acre of land was needed
 - Water should be available for dogs and owners. Dan Ashta stated that at times Hamlin Park in the city merely uses large water bottles which the members exchange the empty bottles for full bottles when needed.
 - Shade structures or trees are needed
 - Waste bags and garbage cans are needed
 - Play toys – not really
 - Lighting – depends on the location
 - The entry system: A philosophy must be adopted; either “members only” or open to all
 - Seating – yes, needed
 - Fencing – yes, and will have to check Village requirements
 - Type of ground material – most are grass – we could use a hybrid grass
 - Parking – depending on the location, hopefully the existing parking will be close enough and adequate

- Rules- obtained from PDRMA and must be posted
- Landscaping – yes, needed
- Should the park be divided into small/big or activity level – depends on the space available. The committee did feel this was an important issue

V. Location Discussion: Director Wait suggested three viable sites. Many members thought the 6210 Dempster (old Mb Bank building) site was a good location however just a little too small. Members also thought it was best to build on park district property vs. the Com-Ed easement. Although Director Wait was going to look into the lease agreement terms of the Com-Ed easement. After much discussion it was agreed the best site would be the north side of Prairie View Park, where the existing (little used) ballfield is. Director Wait said he would take the next step and talk to an architect to get conceptual designs and a GMP.

VI. Schedule Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 pm.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting ended at approximately 7:55 pm.



Dan Staackmann, Board President



Jeff Wait, Board Secretary