

Morton Grove Park District

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Prairie View Community Center
6834 Dempster, Morton Grove, IL 60053
Minutes of the Dog Park Advisory Committee
Held on March 10, 2016 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: Janice Cha, Brian Harris, Katie Harris, and Janine Witko

Guests Present: Dan Staackmann, Dan Ashta, Mark Manno, John Thill, Janet Ballenger, George Manis, Joyce Rudd and George Vail

III. **Public Comment:** None

IV. **Old Business:**

a. **Landscape Architect's Concepts:** Director Wait reviewed the 3 dog park concepts he received from Altamanu:

- Concept 1 priced at \$336,000 includes all new fencing, new sidewalks to connect the east and west portion, remove the baseball back stop, add a double gate for a transitional entry, concrete paving, dog fountain, and drinking fountain
- Concept 2 priced at \$479,461 was similar with a ground covering of decomposed granite and additional landscaping
- Concept 3 priced at \$539,804 includes all of A and B and also raised planters with seats and much more landscaping

b. **Funding Options:** Director Wait mentioned that Niles Park District has expressed interest in partnering with us. There is a possibility that the Village might be able to help with some of the work (drainage lines). A shade structure may be a good project for an Eagle Scout. Also mentioned was the possibility of asking for a maintenance stipend each year and selling advertising space on the fence? Other ideas were:

- Getting interns to help.
- Can the Parks Crew do some of the work?
- Can we get volunteers from the community?

- Janice Cha said she would share some of the information with other dog park experts and ask for their feedback.
- Dan Ashta stated it is land that is currently getting very little use and certainly not generating any money or enjoyment.

V. New Business:

- a. Director Wait is still waiting to hear back from Com-Ed if there is a possibility of having access to the old parking lot (directly northeast of the proposed dog park location).
- b. Possible Partnerships: There were pros and cons of having Niles as a partner. The obvious pro is they would help with the cost. The negatives expressed were the number of people and dogs would increase, with only a little bit more than an acre it might be too crowded. Wait noted that we have already spent \$6,500 on the dog park plans.
- c. Next Steps: Director Wait said the next step is to strip down the amenities. We don't need the mounds and we can start out with just grass. He will also write a proposal to present to the Board of Park Commissioners.
- d. **Schedule Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for two months out. He will send out an email to notify everyone.
- e. **Adjournment:** Meeting ended at approximately 7:37 pm.



Dan Staackmann, Board President



Jeff Wait, Board Secretary