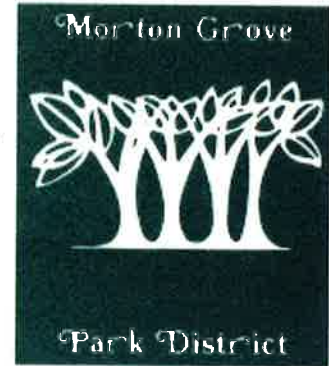


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Prairie View Community Center
6834 Dempster, Morton Grove, IL 60053
Minutes of the Dog Park Advisory Committee
Held on October 26, 2016 at 6:30 pm

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

Committee Members Present: Brian Harris and Katie Bertoglio,

Guests Present: None
- III. **Public Comment:** None.
- IV. **Opening Remarks:** Executive Director Wait apologized for the length in time since the last meeting.
- V. **Review of Process to Date:** The Park District received 3 concepts from a designer.
- VI. **Review of Latest Concepts and Cost Estimates:**
 - The Park District asked the designer for 3 concepts: the basic model was priced at \$335,500, the next tier at almost \$480,000 and \$540,000 for the ultimate dog park.
 - The Committee then asked for a very basic model: fencing the area at a cost of \$98,000
 - What can be done in-house? We are confident we can do it in-house for about \$22,000, however there are basic problems with this design; i.e., there are no access gates, no double gates, no improved drainage, no concrete pad, etc.
 - The Board did not favor the bare bones plan.
- VII. **Next Steps:** Brian Harris asked what the dog park budget was? Director Wait explained with the building of Oriole Pool, the Park District's capital dollars goes to pay down that debt. We also have to still maintain the park district, i.e.; take care of the ballfields, computers, fences, vehicles, etc. and so money would have to be taken from those funds. Although we can present any design to the Board however we have to find the funding for it.

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The other options are to go to the Board and say it's feasible here are our limitations, what else can we do? There are other options, we can open up the parks to dogs on leashes under the control of their owner, on pass.

It was suggested to start with as basic a plan as can be and maybe have someone else bid the project. Can we get a reasonable attractive plan and then have pass fees to help off-set the expenses? A referendum was suggested too. Also the thought of the committee starting a fund raiser, building up reserves, partner with Niles, sell paving bricks, advertise dollars on the fences, sponsorships from veterinarians or dog food companies. It was decided that Jeff would put together a plan to present to the Board.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting ended at approximately 6:40pm.



Daniel Staackmann, Board President



Jeff Wait, Board Secretary