



Friends of the Dog Parks Lincoln, NE

Public Meeting – Minutes

30, September 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Gere Library

The meeting was **called to order** by President Peggy Neeman at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance (5)

Andre, J

Brasch, J

Hansen, K

Hansen, L

Neeman, P

The meeting was a review of the work that had been completed at Rickman's Run; to include the newly added safety guards and the painting of the Big bridge.

The meeting was attended by 2 people other than the board members.

Peggy was advised by Jerry that there is approximately \$1757 in an account for FOTDP (sorry do not remember which foundation) and that included the \$1500 grant Deb wrote.

Shawn has purchased the additional garbage cans for Rickman's and Peggy brought one of them to the meeting. She colored it with 3 different colors and paints.

1. Camo/Olive Green
2. Neon Yellow
3. Neon Green

Upcoming project to paint the cans and small bridge October 11th at 9am. We will be painting the cans in the parking lot.

Reminder no cans off of 70th, 2 cans will be up front. Educating people of dog parks to pick up their dogs poop.

Jordan asked if FOTDP knew the cost of what P&R spent on the bridge safety measures and paint supplies.

Peggy brought up the committee that will be created BY the city for future dog parks. Per the city they will be looking for 2 people from FODTP to be on this committee.

1. Jordan expressed his interest to being one of the people on the committee.
2. Peggy stated she will need to talk with Jerry Shorney at P&R.

Peggy & Deb had met with the Lincoln Foundation previously and were advised that concrete will Be poured to the entrance to the small dog park entrance at Rickman's.

The solar lights were brought up again and there are some questions and concerns:

1. How long does the battery life last?

2. How much is a replacement battery?
3. What will happen to lights and poles that are in storage right now?
4. Can we find corporate sponsors to donate concrete and other supplies?

Q. Can we stand by front gates of dog parks with a donation bucket for FOTDP?

A. City ordinances prevent us from doing this.

Q. Do we know or have we seen the city ordinance?

Q. What is the true story behind Rickmans run?

Different stories are being heard. Can we find out or research the history of the donation of the run?

Kiosk at both parks:

1. Still need to set up date to clean and paint
2. Jim at Oak Lake is willing to move the kiosk to a new location (closer to gate)
3. Do we know the exact city ordinance stating for profit business cannot be listed on the kiosk?

Q. When will Oak Lake be closed/relocated?

A. Not for the next 5 years

Q. Can we move or add additional fencing on the north side of Oak Lake to prevent dogs from going into the mud pits?

Q. Can a temporary/movable shelter be built at Oak Lake?

Q. Can P&R donate additional trees to Oak Lake for shading and wind breaks?

Dog park terminology that Annette had previously mentioned to Shawn:

Off Leash and On Leash Parks

Discussed the porta potty outside of Rickmans.....how it is for the trail not necessarily for Rickmans

Q. Have we thought about talking/working with Great Plains Trail Network?

Jordan brought up getting crushed rock to add around big bridge and over by the creek on the south side of Rickmans that has eroded severely due to rains recently.

Next public meeting...Oct 28th at Gere library.

No Board Meeting planned yet (typically they are one week after the public meeting).

Kelly Hansen

Deb here are the direct answers to your questions:

How did the meeting go? **Good** Were there a lot of people there? **7 people (5 were board members)** Have we set the date for the board meeting to follow? **No date has been set for the board meeting....possibly looking at doing a different day to accommodate everyone.**

Can I get an update on the committee/project reports? **Oct 11th painting of additional cans & small bridge with left over black enamel paint.** What is happening with the Halloween plans? **At this time no discussion regarding Halloween plans (no discussion was done at that prior board meeting). Mainly due to not enough time and still need to research what permits, licensing and what insurance is required.**

What were the concerns and questions of the people attending? **Water, lights at Rickmans.....Shelter at Oak Creek.**