

## MILLBURY DOG PARK COMMITTEE Minutes

6:00 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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Present: Susan Ainsleigh, Andrew Leighton, Matthew Evans, Andrea R., and Connor M.

1. Meeting Minutes: meeting minutes from 12/19/23 accepted by Andy and Andrea as approved.

### 2. Financial Report

- Treasurer's Report (\$12,054.65 as of 01/12/24)
- Friends of the Dog Park Treasurer's Report (\$6,071.41 as of 1/09)  
Update by Greg Williams on Friends. Greg gave a basic overview of the Friends Organization and its purpose. Noted that a recent \$100 donation received by Federal Credit Union.  
Payment of 247.55 to Monica LaPort for past website fees (Monica was paying personally for the website fee)  
5,093.86 current balance of Friend of Dog Park account  
Note: Friends of Dog Park Group still looking for volunteers; Greg has been corresponding with 1 volunteer (Cheryl Davis); Greg made a request for volunteers for the Friends Group so that we can continue to fundraise for the Friends Group.
- Number of Registered Tags –
  - 2024 – 9 tags as of 2/13/24
  - 2023 – 174 tags as of 1/10/24
  - (2022 – 186 tags. 2021 – 224 tags. 2020 – 219 tags, 2019 - 288 tags)

Committee discussed reasons for decrease in tags and also how to remind people that tags are required.  
Reviewed the cost of tags and all members agreed \$20 fee is reasonable and appropriate for this year.

(we have posted on facebook and website, reminders to members via email, signs and applications at park)

- Invoices: none at this moment

### 3. Maintenance Schedule –

*-Seasonal Work – Connor will check with last year's seasonal maintenance worker to see if he can take on task again this spring/ summer.*

*-scheduled Spring Cleanup – 4/7/24 in morning (weather permitting); if it snows or still poor weather will delay to last week-end in March.*

*Susan will check trash in February*

*Matt will be at park in March and will check trash*

*Matt and Andy need shed keys; Susan wills end email to Mike, Matt, Andy to arrange shed key exchange*

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*Need new blades on lawnmower; Susan will check with Mike re: lawnmower blades*

*Driveway – Connor will check with DPW – may not happen until spring*

*The question of liability discussed if park remains open in winter. Agreed that a cautionary announcement should be made to members. Susan will follow-up with Stephanie.*

*Ramp/ platform needs to be replaced; would benefit from adding another bench (or two). Andy recommended contacting carpenters training center to consider this project. Matt recommended a picnic table; place in Millbury (Wheelock Avenue). Matt will stop in and ask about price/ discount/ possible donations*

4. Miscellaneous –

- a. 2024 Dog Tags – shipment arrived*
- b. 2024 Application forms Available in Planning Dept – created by Stephanie; one weather is better will bring a pile of these to the park*
- c. Webpage and FB posts to be done to promote the 2024 membership; Susan will work with Stephanie on this*
- d. Winter snow/closure policy – committee discussed potential closure, or statement of “use at own risk”. (Susan will post this on facebook). Matt suggested ordering of sign to post (more permanent)*

5. Friends of the Dog Park Treasurer Update given – Greg William (see above notes)

6. Fundraising: *Spring 2024*

Discussed fund raising events for the upcoming year.

- Andrea proposing a dog friendly event; Doggie Fashion Show; working on identifying a possible location (town park?)
- Dog Swim (early June and early September at Marion Park).
- Rest of discussion on fundraising tabled until next meeting

7. Transfer of website domain: website domain transferred; now redirects to town run website (finished).

8. Incidents – None reported

9. Unanticipated Business - None

10. Adjournment; meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

**Next Meeting – March 19, 2024 6 pm**

*Susan Amstutz*

