

MILLBURY DOG PARK COMMITTEE
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ATTENDANCE: Laurie Connors (Chair), Pam Adams, Susan Ainsleigh (Vice Chair), Mary Wright
ABSENT: Christine Kelley
NON-VOTING-Friends of the Butler Farm Dog Park, Inc.: Monica Delaporta, Greg Williams, Mike LaTour

1. Call to Order: Laurie Connors called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. The meeting was held remotely through Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a meeting room conflict. The meeting was streamed through Millbury Public Access Cable.

Members of the BOD and Friends introduced themselves to each other.

2. Meeting Minutes: July 20, 2021

Pam Adams made a motion to approve the July 20, 2021 minutes of the Millbury Dog Park Committee as presented. Susan Ainsleigh seconded the motion. Vote: All-Aye.

3. Treasurers Report:

- a. As of 8/19/21 the balance in the account is \$23,193.30.
- b. Friends of the Butler Farm Dog Park, Inc: \$3,559.04 as of 6/15/21. Monica stated that the Friends will be paying for the website and the wheelbarrow.
- c. Number of Registered Tags: 180 as of 8/13/21. In 2020 there were 219 tags sold. In 2019 there were 288 tags sold. Laurie stated that the income from tags sold is not meeting the expenses. Mike stated that there are fewer members up at the park during the week as compared to last year, probably due to COVID and the rainy weather. He said that during the weekends, most of the people there are non-members, mostly from Worcester. Mike suggested putting some applications up at the park. Monica suggested something like a realtor's box.

4. Capital Improvements:

- a. Weston & Sampson (W&S) Stormwater Mitigation Plan: Laurie has contacted one landscaping company. She hopes to get the request for quotes out by the end of the week. Again, the priorities are: extend rip rap towards the pavilion, rebuild path from parking lot to park, and the swale.
- b. Extension of Electricity to Dog Park: Pending.
- c. Seasonal Worker: Ethan gave his notice effective 8/27/21. A compromise has been reached. Ethan will stay until the end of October, but mow only every other week. Susan will post on Facebook to ask if a volunteer can mow on the off weeks.
- d. Maintenance Tasks:

1) Status of ride-on mower. The DPW manager approved the use of the green mower, however Ethan was not able to operate it due to its complexity, and he mowed the park with the push mower. Laurie will ask someone from the Parks Dept. to give a tutorial.

The dog park mower was originally donated by Greg William's father-in-law. The DPW mechanic has said it needs a lot of work and suggested a private mechanic be used. Laurie will contact a local mechanic to see if they can pick up the mower and give us an estimate.

Susan will post on Facebook asking members to pick up toys and leashes and ask if anyone has a connection to someone selling or donating a mower.

2) Apply grass seed (fall)

3) Remove vines from fence and mulch area

4) Gate repair

5) Poison ivy mitigation: Monica has not seen a lot of poison ivy. Mike has seen some outside the fence, at the lower left and behind the mutt mitt station at the top. Laurie will spray.

6) First Aid Box

5. Payment of Invoices: There were no invoices. Laurie has approved \$75 for UMM for trash removal.
6. Incidences: There were no incidences.
7. Fundraising:
 - a. Butler Farm Bark Park Info Flier: Susan presented a draft. She will email it to the committee.
 - b. Dog Swim: The Fall swim will be 9/11/21, rain date 9/12/21.
 - c. Flea market fundraiser: The committee is too busy to try this event in the fall.
 - d. Paw Prints: The prints now cost \$50 to produce, not including S&H. They were previously \$25. The park has asked for \$60 to purchase a paw, and we have four orders at that price. Flyers have been removed. We will not offer this product again. If asked, we will need to charge more. It was suggested that Quite Fetching may have some good fundraising ideas.
 - e. Golf Tournament: Mary is still gathering information.
 - f. Pet Rock: 9/12/21 Laurie has signed us up. Participation is free for non-profits. Pam will work on a raffle basket. Monica suggested doing a 50/50 raffle as well. She will look into getting a raffle permit. It was suggested that members take a one hour shift at Pet Rock to cover the four hours. Mary, Laurie, and Susan will each take a shift. Laurie will ask Christine.
8. Other Business:
 - a. Lock: Laurie suggested that once we have electricity at the park, we get an electronic lock.
 - b. Friends of the Butler Farm Dog Park, Inc.: Greg spoke about how the Friends needs more members. Laurie will update the membership form to ask if people are willing to be added as voting members of the Friends. If "yes", Laurie will forward their information to the Friends.
9. Next Meeting: September 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall.
10. Adjournment: Mary Wright made a motion at 5:47 PM to adjourn. Susan Ainsleigh seconded the motion
Vote: All-Aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Wright

