

MILLBURY DOG PARK COMMITTEE
JANUARY 18, 2022

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ATTENDANCE: Laurie Connors (Chair), Pam Adams, Susan Ainsleigh (Vice Chair),
Christine Kelley, Mary Wright

ABSENT:

NON-VOTING-Friends of the Butler Farm Dog Park, Inc.: Monica Delaporta, Mike LaTour

1. Call to Order: Laurie Connors called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.
2. Meeting Minutes: December 21, 2021
Pam Adams made a motion to approve the December 21, 2021 minutes of the Millbury Dog Park Committee as presented. Christine Kelley seconded the motion. Vote: Aye-5.
3. Treasurers Report:
 - a. As of 1/5/22 the balance in the account is \$23,635.00.
 - b. Friends of the Butler Farm Dog Park, Inc: \$3,735.29 as of 12/21/21.
 - c. Number of Registered Tags: 14 as of 1/13/22. Laurie has not received any comments regarding the increase in the tag price.
4. Status:
 - a. Update on Invitation for Bids for Stormwater Project: The plan was not ready by 1/7/22 for invitation for bids. Laurie met with the Town Manager 1/14/22 regarding the project-all issues have been resolved. A survey crew will be at the park this Thursday. Weston & Sampson has committed to complete the design by 2/7/22. Laurie is working on the bid.
The bid does include a review of the bid documents. \$10,500 for engineering will not be covered by the grant and will have to be paid from the dog park's funds. That, plus the purchase of a mower, will significantly deplete our funds. Fundraisers will be important.
5. Capital Improvements and Maintenance:
 - a. Review the schedule for emptying and filling bags: The schedule was reviewed.
 - b. Mower: Carl Ward of the DPW recommended a zero-turn mower. The price for the 42" zero-turn radius tractor he recommends is \$3999. The park is not eligible for the State bid price because it is not a commercial mower. Mary spoke with Dave Alexander, who recommended a 42" Cub Cadet tractor. Laurie will get the price for that. A discussion was held regarding whether or not we should purchase a zero-turn mower. It was decided to wait for the price of the Cub Cadet. A special meeting may have to be called to vote on the purchase of a mower. Mary will get an estimate from Dave Alexander to fix our current mower.
 - c. Applications: Applications have been placed up at the park. Laurie asked to be notified if they are running low.
6. Payment of Invoices: The \$75 trash invoice was paid.
7. Incidences: No updates and no new incidences. All calls made to the person who contacted Laurie a couple months ago have been unreturned.
8. Bark Park Users Guide: Susan will have the guide for the next meeting.

9. Fundraising:

a. Yard Sale fundraiser: No update.

b. Golf Tournament: No update.

c. Quite Fetching Fundraiser Ideas: Christine has been in touch with Emily at Quite Fetching, who will post our park in their social media. Laurie will print out some flyers for Christine to bring to Emily. A discussion was held regarding sharing of closed groups on Facebook. Quite Fetching will need to join our Facebook group; then they will be able to share it. We will most likely collaborate on a fundraiser in the spring.

d. Poppin Popcorn: It was decided to go ahead with this fundraiser after Valentine's Day. \$344 was raised last year. Mary will contact the popcorn people.

e. Banners. Laurie asked to reintroduce a discussion for banners at the park as we will be needing a large fundraiser. A discussion was held. Christine will bring her figures from the last discussion to the next meeting.

10. Other Business: Monica presented a request from a maker of natural dog treats to post on our Facebook page. It was decided that advertising on our page is not appropriate unless a fundraiser is being run for us.

11. Next Meeting: February 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM at by Zoom.

12. Adjournment: Mary Wright made a motion at 6:37 PM to adjourn. Pam Adams seconded the motion.
Vote: All-Aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Wright

