

MILLBURY DOG PARK COMMITTEE
JUNE 15, 2021

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

ABSENT:

NON-VOTING: Monica Delaporta (Friends of the Millbury Dog Park-arrived 6:15 PM)

1. Call to Order: Laurie Connors called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. The meeting was held in person at the Town Hall and remotely through Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was streamed through Millbury Public Access Cable.

2. Meeting Minutes: May 13, 2021

Christine Kelley made a motion to approve the May 13, 2021 minutes of the Millbury Dog Park Committee as presented. Susan Ainsleigh seconded the motion. Vote: Laurie Connors-Aye, Pam Adams-Aye, Susan Ainsleigh-Aye, Christine Kelley-Aye, Mary Wright-Aye.

3. Treasurers Report:

- a. As of 6/1/21 the balance in the account is \$29,641.67.
- b. Friends of the Dog Park: \$3,559.04 as of 6/15/21.
- c. Number of Registered Tags: 139 as of 6/10/21. In 2020 there were 219 tags sold. In 2019 there were 288 tags sold.

4. Capital Improvements:

- a. Weston & Sampson (W&S) Stormwater Mitigation Plan: Laurie presented the revised plans. She reviewed her comments with the committee. It was decided that the new entrance and the fence at the top of the rip rap should be add alternates. It was decided that the following revisions should be made to the plan: another drain should be added between AD#1 and AD#4 where the ground meets at an angle, millings will be replaced with mulch in the pavilion area, with the exception of an asphalt walkway from the entrance, and more detail is needed regarding the construction of the path from the entrance to the parking lot. If possible, perhaps the landscapers could grade and put down gravel for the walkway inside the park and the Friends could pay for the asphalt paving. Monica suggested posting a request on Facebook for pavers.

Monica will look for signs to warn people not to climb up the rip rap due to risk of falling and to direct people to walk on the paw print pavers. Laurie suggested placing small stone on either side of the asphalt in the entranceway. She also suggested that river rock be replaced in the dog wash area.

Laurie will ask W&S to revise the plans per her comments and the discussion, and will also ask if they can estimate the cost of the work that needs to be done.

- b. Extension of Electricity to Dog Park: The Fire Dept. will pay to extend electricity to the park as not having electricity is a safety hazard.

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c. Seasonal Worker: Ethan has been hired and has been to the park. Suggested chores: sand and stain benches, cut trees growing through the fence on the far side of the park, mulch and fill holes.

d. Maintenance Tasks:

- 1) Fill holes and spread grass seed: Holes were filled 6/12/21. Grass seed not spread. Christine and Monica suggested large stones be put in the holes under the table apparatus to stop dogs from digging. Members will keep an eye out on where to get such stones.
- 2) Spread mulch and crushed stone: done 6/12-13/21
- 3) Remove vines from fence and mulch area: done 6/12-13/21
- 4) Install temporary fence: Signs will be posted instead
- 5) Place remaining paw prints: This was not done. It was decided to again advertise to purchase paws.
- 6) Gate Repair: postponed until stormwater improvements are done
- 7) Poison ivy mitigation: Laurie will ask a Planning Board member for their recipe for a spray to kill poison ivy. Monica offered to test the spray at the park.
- 8) Install stone on balance of slope behind pavilion: done 6/12/21

5. Payment of Invoices: Mary Wright made a motion to approve the October invoice for Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$1,100. Pam Adams seconded the motion. Vote: Laurie Connors-Aye, Pam Adams-Aye, Susan Ainsleigh-Aye, Christine Kelley-Aye, Mary Wright-Aye.

Mary Wright made a motion to approve the invoice for Rogers Farm & Supply in the amount of \$245 for loam and stone. Pam Adams seconded the motion. Vote: Laurie Connors-Aye, Pam Adams-Aye, Susan Ainsleigh-Aye, Christine Kelley-Aye, Mary Wright-Aye.

Mary Wright made a motion to approve the invoice for Belson in the amount of \$268.75 for Mutt Mitt bags. Christine Kelley seconded the motion. Vote: Laurie Connors-Aye, Pam Adams-Aye, Susan Ainsleigh-Aye, Christine Kelley-Aye, Mary Wright-Aye.

6. Incidences: Laurie heard second-hand that there was a heated discussion at the park between a member and a non-member. It did not involve dogs.

7. Fundraising:

- a. Butler Farm Bark Park Info Flier: Susan presented a draft. She will email it to the committee.
- b. Dog Swim: \$653 was raised, a good number of tags were sold, and a number of new people signed up with their emails. The Fall swim will be September 11, 2021.
- c. Flea market fundraiser. No update.

8. Other Business:

- a. Laurie asked Monica to purchase a wheelbarrow for the park from the Friends.
- b. Lock: Once electricity is at the park, we may be able to have a lock with a passcode that only members will know. Christine stated that she has used ones that do not use electricity.

9. Next Meeting: July 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall.

10. Adjournment: Mary Wright made a motion at 6:56 PM to adjourn. Christine Kelley seconded the motion. Vote: Laurie Connors-Aye, Pam Adams-Aye, Susan Ainsleigh-Aye, Christine Kelley-Aye, Mary Wright-Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wright

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