

Town of Montville Dog Park Committee
Minutes for Monday, May 18, 2015
5:30 p.m. – Fair Oaks Community Center – Library

1. Call to order

5:30pm

2. Roll Call

Chris Lawton, Patty Williamson, Derek Wainwright, Pete Bushway

3. Adjustments to the agenda

None

4. Remarks from the Public regarding items on the agenda with a three-minute limit

None

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

a. Fundraiser ideas

Dog wash may not work if we can't find a location with warm water to rinse. Finance Director stated that we would need a sponsor or host to hold the event for liability issues.

Chris will schedule a dog "parade"/ dog walk at the Camp Oakdale trails. This will be a free event with a suggested donation of \$10.00 to participate.

Patty has been placing mini kiosks with our park information which also included stamped envelopes.

Chris, Patty and Dawn will inquire at local events, such as farmers markets and car shows, if we can distribute flyers and have Patty wear her dog costume to help raise funds and awareness.

b. "Fund me" type account has been opened and receiving donations

A gofundme.com account has been opened and we have received \$285 through the site to date

c. Grant opportunities, any programs open yet?

Pet Safe has started a program which Chris has entered our town in. This is a voting type program and we need to get the word out to vote every day!

Derek supplied information of other possible grant opportunities, which included; Doris Day Animal Foundation, Pet Safe, Pet Smart, Stanton Foundation, Lowes, Home Depot and Walmart. Chris also suggested Stop & Shop.

Derek gave some details about the Doris Day program, stating that it was his understanding that this may only be available to senior citizens. Patty volunteered to look further into the Doris Day program.

Chris Offered to help Patty complete any applications for some of the other grants.

Derek recommended that we request in-person from Lowes and Home Depot, and to ask about their employee community work days while we are there.

d. Community Outreach/ volunteers

Chris and Patty have been visiting some town businesses to recruit volunteers and inform them of our park plans.

Chris has also been inviting people through our Facebook account to invite people to our meeting. Four people attended the meeting today.

Patty suggested that she could walk around certain neighborhoods, such as the Manor, while she would wear her dog costume, to raise awareness.

Bill Edwards asked if we have visited K-9 Corner, the business on Old Colchester Rd.

Chris will find out if any of the town youth sports leagues would object to us visiting as well.

6. Set next meeting date and time

TBA

7. Adjournment

6:30pm