

City of Gahanna  
**Dog Park Advisory Committee (DPAC)**  
**Minutes -- 15 Nov 2007**  
5:30PM  
City Hall

Present: Al Adler  
Casey Cannon (Chair)  
Michele Cutler (Observer)  
Troy Euton (Parks Department Representative)  
Terri Montigny (Pooch Playground Representative)  
John Pizzurro  
Lynne Vermillion (Secretary)

Absent: Chief Murphy, Charlie Henderson, Dr Kristy Clay, Cathy Koch, Dot Micacchion, Lori Sobul, Don Sullivan

Cannon opened the meeting with a review of the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

1. Update from Euton:
  - a. The paved pathway (Connie Construction) inside the park and along the road is complete.
  - b. The unneeded fences in the East field have been removed.
  - c. Gravel is available in the agility area.
  - d. New storm drains have been added in the small dog area and the parking lot. These can be expanded if needed at a later time.
  - e. The fencing contractor (Carson Fencing) has begun work on the fence. The west field, small dog area, and agility areas will be complete by the end of month. When the fencing is complete, park staff will begin moving materiel from Hannah Park to Pizzurro.
  - f. The water fountain has been removed from Hannah Park. Pizzurro Park will not have any potable water available initially. Rather than using a transportable water container, the park staff will examine the possibility of extending water lines from Hamilton Road into Pizzurro Park.
  - g. Entry area for creek access may not be completed until spring.
  - h. The park staff will continue to work on plans for the final dog park design so that these can be approved by the Planning Commission before spring of 2008.
  - i. Park staff will install a temporary sign at Hannah telling park users the new location of the dog park and will have dog park information on city's web page updated.
2. Member comments:
  - a. Pizzurro requested the park staff publicize the opening of the dog park at Pizzurro in the local newspapers.
  - b. Vermillion asked whether bow hunting was authorized at Pizzurro Park. Euton said that it was not and that he would discuss this with Chief Murphy.
  - c. Vermillion asked if the park staff could examine any means to slow down traffic in the park. The posted speed is 15mph but many vehicles travel faster.
  - d. Vermillion asked if park staff could ensure that small dog area was large enough to extend outside of the area with trees.
  - e. Pooch Playground Inc. volunteers will update web pages with the new location of the dog park.

- f. Cutler asked if off-leash authorization at Pizzurro was issued as a waiver to the city ordinance. (Note: City Council authorized an off-leash waiver at the 4 Sep 07 council meeting. Copy of waiver is attached to these minutes.)
3. Review of Rules – Members reviewed the existing dog park rules and proposed changes to accommodate the off-leash provisions and multiuse functions of Pizzurro Park. It was recommended that dogs not be allowed in the children’s playground, but members recognized that the playground needed a fence to ensure that off-leash dogs could not easily enter this area. Although “human food” will be allowed outside the fenced enclosures and in the shelter house, the rules will continue to limit food inside the fenced enclosures to only training treats. It was suggested that the rules include recommendations that dogs 25 pounds or less should use the small dog area and that choke, pinch, and spike collars not be used in the park. It was also agreed that the wording on the rules should be slightly revised for better clarity. The discussion about off-leash dogs on the basketball court and the future bike path will be reexamined at a later date. A draft copy of the revised rules is attached to the minutes. New or significantly changed items are indicated by italics.
4. Other Issues:
  - a. Vermillion requested that the committee establish its working policies, procedures and functions at the next scheduled meeting.
  - b. Until the new park is established, the Dog Park Advisory Committee should meet monthly.
5. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5:30 PM on 6 December 2007. Cannon will contact members to see if this is an acceptable time and date.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lynne Vermillion, DPAC Secretary

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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Casey Cannon, Chair

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Draft Revised Dog Park Rules for Pizzurro Park  
Leash Waiver for Pizzurro Park