

City of Gahanna  
**Dog Park Advisory Committee (DPAC)**  
Minutes – 9 October 2008  
5:30PM  
City Hall

Present: Al Adler  
Casey Cannon (Chair)  
Alan Little  
Laurel Naegele  
Lynne Vermillion (Secretary)  
Zoe Bennett (Visitor)

Absent: Chief Murphy, Michele Cutler, Cathy Koch, Terri Montigny, Don Sullivan, Lori Sobul, Dr Kristy Clay, John Pizzurro, Vinnie Tremante, Deputy Chief Kenneth A. Ball, Troy Euton, Charlie Henderson

1. Old Business:

- a. Water Feature: Neither Sobul nor Cutler were available to discuss new information about dog park water features. **(OPEN)**
- b. Traffic Flow: The two tables do not seem to be causing any congestion problems and should remain in the park. Cutler was not available to discuss monthly education signs. Vermillion provided a possible list of topics but wanted Cutler's input before any decisions were made. **(OPEN)**
- c. Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Testing: Vermillion contacted Karen Romin and said she could offer CGC testing in conjunction with the Howl-o-Whine event scheduled for 25 Oct 08. Vermillion instructed Romin to coordinate event with Cutler. (Note: Romin did not show up at the Howl-o-Whine event; this could be scheduled at a future event if Romin is still interested.) **(CLOSED)**
- d. Update from the Parks Department:
  - i. Special Events: Still unable to set up meeting time with all involved participants. **(OPEN)**
  - ii. Bank Improvement: No change. **(OPEN)**
  - iii. Potable Water: A water line from Hamilton Rd was not installed in conjunction with the road resurfacing. The Parks Department is now considering an above ground line. **(OPEN)**
  - iv. Road resurfacing: The Service Department completed resurfacing the road into Pizzurro Park; however, they did not install the speed bump as planned because of concerns about the effect on the bike path. Handicap signs still need to be placed in the parking lot. **(OPEN)**
  - v. Grate covers: The new grate covers have been installed and seem to be working great. **(CLOSED)**.
  - vi. New Playground: The new playground is about 80% complete. The surface will be covered with "engineered mulch." The Parks Department has not yet made a decision about a fence around the playground. The DPAC recommends a 3' or 4' fence be placed around the playground to prevent off-

leash dogs from interacting with children. (Note: This item was also discussed at the October Parks Board meeting.) **(OPEN)**

- vii. Mowing Schedule: Vermillion asked Little if the Parks Department could provide a schedule of when grass mowing would occur in the dog park so that volunteers could try to pick up toys. **(OPEN)**
- viii. Plastic jugs: Little said that his workers will remove empty water jugs from the park. We still would like to have a large recycle bin for plastic bottles. **(OPEN)**
- ix. Parks & Rec Business (PRB) Magazine: Little provided a copy of PRB with an article on why municipalities should consider developing a dog park. Vermillion will provide a copy of the article to members with these minutes. **(CLOSED)**
- e. Fence Slats: Sullivan was not available to discuss the hedge-type fence slats. Vermillion provided some pricing data that showed that the hedge-type slats could cost as much as \$2465 for just the front of the current large dog area. Members agreed that these slats would be nice but too expensive to install at the present time. **(CLOSED)**
- f. New Benches and Chairs: Pooch Playground, Inc. has purchased four additional bench ends and is seeking volunteers to paint and assemble them. This would make a great community service project for high school students. Little said his department could assemble them during the winter while they are not doing as much outdoor work. **(OPEN)**
- g. Website: The Pooch Playground, Inc. new website is up and operational ([www.poochplayground.com](http://www.poochplayground.com)) Minutes from the DPAC will be posted on the website in the future. **(CLOSED)**
- h. Bulletin Board for Small Dog Area: A bulletin board has been installed in the small dog area. **(CLOSED)**
- i. Bench Pads/Contact for the Scout: We will need additional bench pads when the west field is fenced. The new bench pads should be slightly larger than the current ones. Still awaiting contact information for the scout who constructed the current bench pads. **(OPEN)**

## 2. New Business:

- a. Layout of phase two: Little provided the concept plan for the west field. When phase two is complete, the fenced dog park will be approximately 4.9 acres. Vermillion asked if the maintenance gate could be located closer to the maintenance shed. Members asked that the concept plan also show the location of the drinking fountains and the bike path. **(OPEN)**
- b. Incident Reports: There have been no reported incidents at the park since the previous meeting. A copy of the revised incident report is included as an attachment.
- c. Off-Leash Waiver: The Parks Board recommended that the off-leash waiver for Pizzurro Park be extended for another year. This will be sent to City Council for vote. **(OPEN)**
- d. Signage: Vermillion asked that a sign be put in the agility area stating that children are not allowed on the agility equipment. She also said that people are complaining

that they can't find Pizzurro Park because the sign is too far back from Hamilton Road. (**OPEN**)

3. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. Because we probably will not have a December meeting, **the next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 on Thursday, 13 Nov 2008. The location will probably in City Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Lynne Vermillion, DPAC Secretary