

City of Gahanna
DOG PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DPAC) Minutes
10 SEPTEMBER 2009
6:00PM
GAHANNA GOLF COURSE

Present: Al Adler
Lori Sobul
Alan Little (Parks Dept. Rep)

Absent: Cathy Koch, Terri Montigny(PPI), Laurel Naegele(Parks Board Rep), Don Sullivan, Lynne Vermillion(secretary), Chief Murphy, Casey Cannon, Michele Cutler, Dr. Kristy Clay, John Pizzurro, Vinnie Tremante, Deputy Chief Kenneth A. Ball, Troy Euton, Charlie Henderson

1. The main purpose of this meeting was to look at various ponds and their sizes to determine what size might be appropriate for the dog park. We looked at several ponds. One pond was about an acre. It was determined that that was bigger than we would need. Another pond was about 13% of an acre and that seemed to be a good size. Since it is hard to really assess how that would fit in the dog park by looking at the pond in the golf course setting, Alan is going to use a rendition of the dog park and drop in a pond about this size so we can see how it will fit. We looked at ponds that were also 1/5 of an acre and 1/10 of an acre.
2. We saw the pump system that brings water from the creek to one of the ponds. According to Alan, that system is around \$1000.
3. They have been experimenting with pieces of ripped up road around a pond to prevent erosion. It has been very successful and we may want to discuss this when we consider ways to avoid erosion.
4. One pond is about 8 ft. deep and has a constant recirculating of water. That pond does not require any chemicals.
5. Park updates:
 - the toy baskets have been lined
 - there is a wash off station near the shelter
 - Al mentioned that the middle gate was shut, it is supposed to be locked open
 - there is an area near that gate that fills with water, Alan suggested that maybe that area can be filled with gravel
 - the issue of increasing space for the small dog area was brought up, Alan says there is no money budgeted for that at this time.

The next dog park meeting will be Thursday, November 12th at 6:00 at the lobby conference room at city hall.

Lori Sobul
Acting Secretary
Dog Park Advisory Committee