



**MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

Reading of Open Public Meetings Act Statement

I hereby declare that notice has been given to the Herald Times and posted on the bulletin board of the Middle Township Municipal Building, stating the time and place of the following meeting, as required in P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the State of New Jersey. (Sunshine Law).

Flag Salute

ATTENDANCE: Madelyn McCarroll, Dr. Hirsch, ACO Candell, Officer Creamer Rick Eufrazio, Tarin Mason, , Jen Modica, Dawn Stimmel,

ABSENT: Karen Buckingham, Crystal Blackburn, Lissy Holroyd, Chuck Marriner

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: MARCH 16, 2016

On Motion By: Tarin Mason 2nd By: Jen Modica

Approved by all.

Madelyn had put together a power point program that she plans on presenting at the Work Session meeting on May 16th as an educational tool. Middle Township has possibly 4200 dogs and 4600 cats in the township. In 2014 the ACO had 1103 calls, and in 2015 he had 1094, so it is down some from the year before. There were also 33 dog bite incidents. She would like to see dog calls decreased and calls for cats increased. She would also like to educate people on how not to lose their animals. Last year there were 4 dogs killed by cars and another 7 were hit. Middle Township area is considered the Rt 47, Rt 9 Corridors and Parkway areas. One third of the calls are answered by the MTPD as 1st responders on weekends or when the ACO is off duty.

Madelyn would also like to do a cat photo contest. If anyone has any ideas, let her know.

Negotiations are still ongoing with the Shelter and things are a little more positive in going forward.

New Jersey Nature has set up a couple of GO FUND ME pages and their electric bill is now paid in full. This is CMC only wildlife rehabbers.

She spoke about the OK Animal Study, which divides things into wildlife, which is one more resource to look at.

Spoke of redoing the Township's Animal Ordinance. We need to get a response from the Solicitor to find out what he feels will actually work before we start reconstructing the Ordinance. We will also, afterwards, have to convince the Committee of our changes.

Talked about creating a wish list for items Bill can use when out doing investigations.

Also, people need to learn to recognize dangerous dogs. Need to address multiple dogs that are loose - these are considered a pack and could be dangerous. People also need to be prepared when police are in an area and in action, residents need to put their pets in the house to keep them out of danger. It was very sad that a dog had to be shot by the Prosecutors office during a no knock warrant search of a man with a gun.

She is also concerned about people going to homes about animals that they feel are being abused and that this could be an unsafe thing to do.

Rick Eufrazio: Chain link fence has been installed around the Parkway - hopes this translates into less dogs loose on the Parkway. He is also working on a dog house for our next tabling event, which is National Night Out. He wants to give it some depth so that people can see how a dog house should be on the outside, as well as the inside. He also questioned on whether we want to put up the signs from last year. He also spoke about a property on Joeffre Avenue where there are a lot of pet carriers in the yard. He said it looks like that is where the resident keeps his dogs. ACO Candell said he has already checked into this and that there is a dog house further back in the yard that cannot be seen from the road.

Rick also spoke of a guy that had a turtle in a tank at a property he was at. He said the turtle had come out of hibernation and was going crazy. He talked the man into letting him release the turtle, which he took to the Wet Lands Institute for release. He also remarked on getting barriers on North Wildwood Blvd, where the state is giving us a hard time because they are saying it would be hazardous to drivers. Rick feels it is more hazardous when people swerve to miss hitting a turtle. There are people in North Wildwood who would be willing to provide the barrier and install it free of charge. He is going to do a letter to Andrzejczak to see if he can give some help in getting this accomplished.

Officer Creamer: House on Maryland Avenue that has 5 or 6 dogs running around. She does not feel that the owner is very nice to them because of the way she treated them in front of her. She is concerned as

to how she treats them when no one else is around. She also spoke about dogs that are showing up on Swip Swap for free and she does not feel that these dogs are going to the best possible home for them. It was suggested to contact Judy at the Animal Shelter and let her know about this. There are also dogs being stolen from yards.

Dr. Hirsch: Hasn't heard anything about Feral Cats lately. Madelyn gave out the "Got Notch" brochure and advised we are applying for grants.

Jen Modica: Did we hear anything about summer camp at the MLK Center? Madelyn said it was still in the works. Stated she would also like to incorporate something from Middle Township into dog show held at the Wildwood Convention Center.

Tarin Mason: Spoke on dog parks. Said Upper Township has an application that needs to be provided along with a copy of the applicant's homeowners insurance. She is going to be looking into different areas in Middle to see where a good location would be. Some of the parks charge a fee for the usage and she will also check into this. Will have more info for us at the next meeting.

ACO Candell: Has thought a lot about adding a late fee to our Ordinance for those who do not license their animals in a timely fashion. Feels we need to do a lot of publicity if there will be a late charge for licensing after June 1st. Feels that it would be better to send a summons and then take to court if they do not respond, then imposing a fine.

Any dog that is picked up and not altered, should be altered at owners expense before they get the dog back.

Madelyn

ADJOURN: 6:24 PM