



**MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2018**

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: Jen Modica, Tarin Mason, George Spadea, Dawn Stimmel, Chuck Marriner, Karen Buckingham

ABSENT: Crystal Blackburn, Dr. Grant, ACO Candell, Kyle Lindholm, Monica Sopuch, Jason Sweitzer, James Loftus

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: MAY 21, 2018

On Motion By: Tarin Mason 2nd By: Kyle Lindholm

Approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS

RABIES CLINICS – Nothing coming up until September 28th.

4-H – Volunteers – Chuck & Tarin volunteered....decision to sign up will be based upon volunteers. We will put out brochures – It is the 19, 20th and 21st.....Chuck volunteered for Thursday nightTarin not sure what night she can do it, but she will definitely do it one night.....Jen will also be attending...Jen said we usually use the police table....they usually save us a space.....will have to call them and coordinate with them.

Board Application – Dawn sent out-added “I agree to abide by the by-laws as set forth in the Animal Advisory Board’s Manual”.

Board Application – Changes made – vote to approve:

On Motion By: Chuck Marriner 2nd By: Tarin Mason Approved by all.

Will send copy to Solicitor.

Grants – 3 grants that Madelyn was working on...one was PetSmart, one was Walgreens and the other was Doherty Foundation. On the Doherty Foundation grant, we do not know which one she was speaking of. She did reach out to Madelyn, but she has not responded. Tarin will try to find out from Madelyn about the Doherty and the Walmart Grants.

Dog Park – Jen had resent the original paperwork we had started on for the Dog Park and also the draft that Bill did. We still have to tweak those some. The Key Tag is called the Panther Paw Pass....spoke about naming of tag. Karen wanted to know why we could not name it something geared to animals, but not actually a panther...something like 4 legged...suggested maybe having a “Name the Park” contest. They want to name the whole park....the dog park is just a small portion of the park on a whole. Mayor Clark dropped in during our conversation....he said he thinks they are considering naming different sections of the park different names....maybe a sponsorship type of thing. Jen brought up doing a contest to name the park. Right now it is just the Rio Grande Park. Naming the park in different sections was liked by some of the board members. Also thinking of putting benches at the park that people could remember loved ones/friends as a memorial. Also suggested dedicating trees with plaques like out at Goshen.

Karen wanted to know if we could be involved in naming the Dog Park portion.

Jen then spoke about the paperwork we are working on for the Dog Park. Starting with the application...Bill had suggested adding whether the dog’s hair is short, medium or long, in case dog got loose and it could be used for an identification process..also added section for if dog is microchipped...still not sure whether we are calling it a pass or a tag....Chuck questioned how long the pass would be for...they will be good until the end of the year issued....voted to call them passes as opposed to tag....will call them annual pass and weekly pass.....Karen suggested calling it a membership pass...maybe we could also sell dog park t-shirts, mugs, water bottles, etc. to make money for the Board....all feels it looks good. Changing all to read park pass. Changes will be made, sent to Board for their review via email, then will be sent to Solicitor for his review. Next is Rules and Regulations....change keepers to owners....only allowed 2 dogs per owner. Added dog treats and toys to items not allowed in dog park.

The other change Acceptance to Risk – all was OK except added coyotes and any other unforeseen hazards.

Karen brought up possibly putting jars in businesses for donations. Will have to check into that.

Tarin put the signs up at the Acme. She wanted to know if there were any more poles anywhere to hang more signs. She is going to email Rick to see if there are poles anywhere else to hand signs on. Jen said he had put some in Rio Grande but she was not sure where.

The Disaster Plans will be worked on in the fall.

Work Session - Bill attended and gave a synopsis of what the Animal Advisory Board does.

Motion to Adjourn

On Motion By: Tarin Mason

2nd By: George Spadea

Meeting adjourned 600 PM