

Meeting: August 9, 2007

At the 8/8/07 meeting the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the possibility of another off-leash area on the west side of town. DogPAC agreed that we would pay for fencing around any new off-leash areas.

Don't forget to come to or work at Dog Paddle 2007 on 4-5 September. DogPAC will have t-shirts and towels for sale.

DogPAC has received several requests to double gate the entry to Lily's Pond, so we'll do that. We will mount a lost & found box soon. The volunteer who fills the water tank at the park entrance asked that people remember he volunteered for that job, including cleaning the tank when the algae gets too disgusting.

Garry Hauser proposed running a survey at the park 4 times a year for a couple weeks to gather data on park usage. He created the survey and it will be ready soon. DogPAC will contact volunteers to help gather the information. You can volunteer now by writing to the board.

Meeting: June 14, 2007

We had 3 visitors to the board meeting, all people whose dogs enjoy TOP. We want more people who come to TOP to come to our meetings to see what we are doing and volunteer their time and ideas.

Upcoming events: On Sunday, June 17, at 9:30am at TOP a celebration of being open a year and the grand opening of Lily's Pond in the Luck Pawz Playground. Dog Paddle 2007 will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 4 & 5 September, 3-8pm in the City Park pool. JC DogPAC will have a table with information about the Dog Paddle at the dog wash at Leash on Life parking lot on Sunday, June 24, noon-4pm.

TOP status report: Aubrecht Fencing is looking at the springs on the gates into and out of the Lucky Pawz Playground; those springs seem to be weakening. Diana is finalizing wording for signs for each of the 3 yards and the pond. Jim is coordinating All American pouring concrete for the shelter pads. The city has the shelter plans for their approval. The tree committee will meet in August to discuss what sort of trees to plant where this fall. The city is dealing with the vendor who will install a poop disposal tank in the Lucky Pawz Playground soon.

JC DogPAC will be a trail sponsor at Paws for a Cause on Sunday, September 16, noon-4pm. We will display a sign with our new slogan "Bark for Another Park."

There will be no July 2007 meeting.

Meeting: May 10, 2007

The Eagle Scouts expect to start building the information board in June.

Plans for the shelters were received and are going through a final review.

The city wants to wait until the end of June to open the pond and the front half of the Lucky Pawz Playground.

The city is stocking the green poop bags. When the dispensers are empty, people should call the phone numbers listed: 356-5107 weekdays and 331-3567 weekends and evenings.

Let's plan a celebration for having the Thornberry Off-Leash Dog Park open for 1 year.

Meeting: April 12, 2007

Iowa City Animal Control now charges a graduated fee for the tags. See the fee schedule at that facility.

The city is waiting on a quote for the second poop tank in the Lucky Pawz Playground.

The design for the shelters, one for each yard, will be similar to that of the entry structure, but must be modified for the concrete pads existing in each yard. Jim will work on getting wooden signs for each shelter created; those signs will be similar to the park and yard signs.

There will be a Dog Paddle in September. Kelly and Beth Shields are the head volunteers.

Meeting: March 8, 2007

The city is stocking the green poop bags. The second poop tank is still in the works. The city also put lots of wood chips just inside the entrance to all three park areas to cover the mud.

Quotation was received and accepted for installing a second gate into the Lucky Pawz Playground. With that gate there will be a gate to enter and one to exit.

The information board will be part of the entry structure and constructed by an Eagle Scout group.

We will order memorial bricks monthly and install regularly after they are received.

Meeting: February 8, 2007

The board discussed beginning the process of advocating for a second (third, fourth) off-leash area in Iowa City. Would Coralville be interested in having an off-leash park?

The city will install a poop tank in the Lucky Pawz Playground. Timing of installation is dependent on weather and other city projects.

Cigarette butt containers have been purchased and installed. Signs encouraging people to use the containers will be written and affixed.

Beth Shields, previous president of the board, and Diana Harris, current president, will address the Iowa City City Council 2/20 to thank them for their support and tell them what a success the park has been so far.

Meeting: January 11, 2007

Jean Walker has worked with city to get accounting of one-day passes and donations made at the park, as well as accounting of regular passes sold at Animal Shelter and at Parks & Rec.

Areas that small dogs could escape through in small dog yard fixed by the City.

City would like to install waste tank in Lucky Pawz Playground. Still researching bags to use, but so far the green ones at the park are the best option.

City will put wood chips at the entrances to all three areas as the grass cannot compete with all the dog traffic.

HJC DogPAC has design for shelters to be built at TOP. 4 will be constructed: 2 in Lucky Pawz Playground, one in Emma's Run, and one in small dog yard.

There is too much dog poop in the park. Get volunteers to help pickup. Diana Harris will post plea on web site and Yahoo list.