

FSBCP Member Meeting
Goodwill Community Room
January 27, 2020 7:00 PM

1. Call To Order

Drew called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Present in attendance: Dee Alameda, Dawn Descorcy, Drew Frisk, Kate Frisk, Marilyn Foley, Jen Gray, Judith Mckeel, Amy Palik, Mark Palik, Phil Passineau, Jamie Rokus. Linda Sanger, Tammy Siltanen, Marge Smith, Donna Smrz.

2. Review of Minutes

- a. Minutes were approved by voice vote.

3. Old Business

a. Status of Incorporation

- i. Drew spoke with the attorney's office as of today and we are a legal entity with the state officials. The next steps are to apply for a federal id, and Drew had told them we wish to proceed with tax-exempt status so we can begin fundraising ASAP.

b. Township of Rudolph meeting

- i. Drew reviewed the Facebook posts made following the meeting. Property as a whole is 14 acres, but no confirmation on the exact size of the capped area. We are waiting for further contact.
- ii. Marilyn questioned the driveway into the park on whether or not it was wide enough. Jen commented that either way, we'd have to widen it to accommodate the snowmobile club.

c. Other Old Business

i. Airport Location

1. Jamie said we could request to be put on their agenda, though as this would probably not happen until their March meeting. She also suggested that we approach them much like we did with the Rudolph and Drew agreed that we would use the same talking points. Jamie will reach back out to the committee.
2. Phil suggested sending a copy of the letter sent to the townships, however, the group agreed that since we do have a relationship with airport commission it would be unnecessary, we would just need to make them aware of our current progress as an entity.

4. New Business

a. Letter to the Public

- i. Jamie has a draft of a letter to put forth to the local papers.
- ii. One adjustment to the letter is to confirm the fact that we are now an official entity with the state and are working on federal status as well as non-profit. Jamie will include the logo in the letter.
- iii. Jen motioned to approve the letter, Amy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Website

- i. Coming out of the meeting with Rudolph, Drew, Jen, and Jamie had discussed that we are coming to a point where we may want to consider a website for announcements, agendas, meeting minutes, by-laws. Drew is a software engineer by trade and while websites are not something he does regularly, he is familiar and can get the process started for about \$8/month for a domain. Drew would offer up his resources, and like the P.O. Box, would just want to be reimbursed after non-profit status. Tammy also has the knowledge to help it get up and running
 - ii. Amy motioned to go right ahead and get started, Kate seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The domain name will be the full name of the park, nothing shortened.
- c. Membership Dues
 - i. Although we have to wait for all our federal id, we want to discuss how dating for membership dues would work. Kate put forth the idea that members are kept track of by the treasurer and yearly fees are due by the meeting of the month of membership. Reminders would be given during the prior monthly meeting and put on Facebook/website, but no letters would be mailed.
- d. Fundraising
 - i. Fundraising ideas: have teeshirts, hats, window clings, etc. Walk in the Cranfest Parade.
 - ii. Fundraising committee: Drew reviewed committee by-laws so we had confirmation that committee members do not have to be paid unless they are the chair. We will have to wait to have committee chairs until we can take membership dues. Kate proposed that board members be in charge of committees until the time that chairs can be elected.
 - iii. Jamie motion that board members will temporarily head committees, Phil seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Meeting Agendas
 - i. Agendas will be posted on Wednesdays. Anything wanted to add to the agenda to get to Drew by 8 pm on the Wednesday before the meeting and he will post it before midnight.
- f. New Possible Site Locations
 - i. Whitrock Site
 - 1. Donna mentioned that she went to the coffee with the major event and it ended up just being her and the major. She discussed her displeasure with his public comments regarding our group and he acknowledged his relationship with the group. He also did offer a location off of Whitrock Ave which is currently owned by the nearby camper dealer. There is a dry creek running through the property and is causing the owner trouble about developing it and would be willing to use it as a dog park. Phil estimates that the property may be around 5 acres. Jen brought up a concern about 8th street, while Jamie is worried about immediate neighbors.

2. Donna will try to get the contact information for the owner and will get it to the board if possible before the next meeting.
- ii. County U Location
 1. While at the Rome park, Marilyn spoke with a gentleman who used to a park of the parks department. He stated the Grand Rapids had once considered starting their own dog park and the location is still available. The location is out on County U in Grand Rapids, about a half-mile past Kellner International Bar, used to be a very very old landfill.
 2. Concerns already are distance for those on the Westside or in Rudolph, Vesper, etc. as those living there would be closer to the Point park. Jamie also stated that when speaking to Grand Rapids that this location was never brought up. However, Grand Rapids at this point is not as well-receiving for a dog park, or at least our contact for Grand Rapids does not wish to see a dog park there.
 3. There is also discussion as to whether or not the land is even Grand Rapids, so it may be best to figure out who actually owns the land.
 - iii. Letters to Townships and organizations
 1. Following the new site discussions, the group reviewed the letters sent to the township, included were Grand Rapids, Biron, Rudolph, Port Edwards, Sigel, and Seneca.
 2. Amy will follow up with the chairman to make sure everyone received the letter before the group decides whether or not to start sending to other areas.
 3. Tammy suggested reaching out to one or both of the paper mills to see if any of their unused property. Marilyn will find the contact info for mill in town and send to Amy.
 - g. Phil proposed that we consider moving our meetings to the Hardees meeting room. The Goodwill meeting room continues to have merchandise filling it as well as the fact that we may outgrow the space. Drew recommended that we meet at least another month but if we seem to be closer to outgrowing or if we are met with a mess again we would decide whether or not to move.

5. Adjournment

Phil motioned to adjourn, Judy seconded. Drew called the meeting to a close at 8:16 pm. The next meeting is on February 24th, 7 pm at Goodwill.