

## FRIENDS OF SCENTRAIL BARK COMMUNITY PARK

### Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2022

**ATTENDEES:** Amy Palik, Jen Gray, Tammy Siltanen, Jamie Rokus, Donna Smrz, Marilyn Foley, Wendy Day and Julie Henne.

Amy Palik called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at Port Edwards United Methodist Church. We attempted to hold the meeting on ZOOM as well, but no other attendees signed in and we shut that down when the meeting was hacked. We determined future meetings will be held in-person only.

Introductions were held to welcome two guests – Wendy Day and Julie Henne.

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Jen Gray made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Tammy Siltanen seconded that motion. They were unanimously approved.

Tammy Siltanen gave the treasurer's report. There is currently \$14,741.93 in the checking account, \$230.12 in PayPal and Jamie has \$476.00 in checks and donation jar change to deposit, bringing the total to \$15,448.05. Jen approved accepting the treasurer's report, and Marilyn Foley seconded that motion. It was unanimously approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The board nominated Emma Rokus to serve as the secretary for the two-year term expiring in January 2024. That passed on a unanimous vote. Our slate of officers for the next two years is: Amy Palik, president; Jen Gray, vice president; Tammy Siltanen, treasurer; Emma Rokus, secretary; and Jamie Rokus, speaker.

Jamie Rokus gave a fundraising update. There will be a fundraiser with Papa Murphy's in Wisconsin Rapids on April 20, and 20% of proceeds from sales that day will be donated to the dog park. All our members need to do is promote the fundraiser and get people to purchase pizza that day. Jamie will create a Facebook event and flier to share on social media and in the community.

Our organization also will participate in the Port Edwards Village Rummage Sale on May 21. Jamie has contacted the village administrator to express interest, and we are hoping to set up a booth near the Port Edwards Fire Department. We will hold a 50/50 raffle, basket raffle and sell vinyl window decals, T-shirts and other items.

We also intend to participate in the Cranberry Blossom Festival Parade in Wisconsin Rapids on June 19. Amy will fill out and submit the parade registration form. We intend to pass out small bags of dog treats and dog-themed treats for kids that include information about our dog park and fundraising efforts.

On July 2, we will hold a 50/50 raffle during the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters baseball game. More details will come, but we will need lots of volunteers to sell tickets.

We are also continuing work on developing a sponsorship program to roll out to local businesses, which would include recognition on small plaques at the park. We also discussed coming up with options for memory plaques to be sold and displayed at the park.

We also discussed the upcoming T-shirt fundraiser. Jen shared some of the ideas she has come up with and members shared additional ideas they would like as options as well. We will need to cut those options down to 3-4 ahead of the sale.

T-shirts will cost \$20, which includes a \$10 donation to the dog park. Vinyl window decals and can koozies cost \$6 each, with \$3 from each sale benefiting the dog park.

Jen will reach out to Quality Foods IGA on West Grand Avenue to discuss possible options for holding a brat fry there this spring/summer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

We briefly talked about our new Grounds Committee, which will help develop the structure for the park, coordinate clean-up efforts and maintenance, and create park rules. We will further discuss at our April meeting.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. April 25 at Port Edwards United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Jamie Rokus, interim secretary**