

**Tri-City Dog Park Society**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

6:30-8:00 pm Wednesday July 11th, 2018  
Richland Community Center

**Attending Board Members:**

Jeannie Snyder- President  
Katie Hofer- Secretary  
Aimee Oropeza- Treasurer  
Jordan Burrowes

**Attending Memberships:**

Jorge Oropeza, Angela Zilar, Aimee Oropeza, Wayne and Lavon Richey, Greg Snyder, Sara Taylor, Jason Janosky, Joe Schiessl, Peggy McDow, and Thomas Granbois

**Treasurer's Report**

Was not done

**May meeting minutes corrections & approval**

- No corrections. Meeting minutes were approved.

**Park Updates**

- Message Boards installed and filled
  - New park rules are included
- Phase II now has a second entrance to even out the park turf
- Concrete pads at water spigots are complete
- Park light is now off at 11pm park closure time
  - One still needs to be adjusted down so that it doesn't shine into peoples houses
  - Joe mentioned that there haven't been anymore complaints
- Pasco dog parks meeting update
  - Dan never got back to us about looking at our parks, invited to meeting for park discussion- Dan out sick last week. Jeannie called him twice with no response back.
  - They are only opening one park this summer, by the animal shelter
  - Some are being opened in the neighborhoods which are already parks and already have water access.

## City of Richland Parks- Joe Schiessl

- Phase I & Phase II final budget discussion
  - The remainder budget was spent on the new entrance to phase 2, concrete pads and drains. We are out of City funds for park improvements.
  - Joe said the lower half of the parking lot should be paved in 2019, there should be lights put in at the parking lots as well
- Adopt-A-Park Agreement responsibilities
  - TCDPS responsibilities:
    - We are to monitor and encourage park users to clean up after themselves
    - Bags have been provided by the city
    - Monitor and encourage appropriate behavior of dogs- no digging, picking up after dogs, etc.
    - Weekly basis, collect dog toys before mowing
    - Move benches and tables as needed to prevent the grass from being worn down and dying
    - We can get sponsors for the dog park- bricks, banners, plaques. The city is allowed to review them and approve or disapprove
    - Take care of the portable toilet
    - Joe is not opposed to having another portable toilet at the top park
  - City Responsibilities
    - Furnish and install an adopt a park sign with the TCDPS and City partnership. As of this meeting date this has not been done yet
    - Provide a mowing schedule and maintenance schedule. This is still only communicated to us when they remember to tell Jason the Park Ranger who will almost always remember to tell Jeannie.
    - Provide and maintain park water and irrigation. While we still do not have drinking water for humans at the park, which is in our agreement, they have installed the frost free spigots which are great. There was a 10 day period of dead grass and no communication to any of us as to why that happened. Jeannie emailed them asking and they said an irrigation broke.
    - Provide waste disposal bags. This has been a great new system. Jeannie emails and they respond immediately and she picks up at city shops.
    - Maintenance of park turf, fence, gate, trees, road, driveways and sidewalks. This has been a hit or miss. There are holes that sit

unfilled, wrong gates randomly locked, Trees that need care, and the road really needs that pavement next year!

- Provide and empty garbage cans. Mostly going well. They do come empty them several times a week in the summers now which great.
- Provide a meeting room once a month
- Provide a park. Provide a park yes. But we also donated large amounts of money for each phase of this park, we maintain it, promote it and continue to raise money that goes right back into this park.
- No power tools
- New Park Rules and suggestions
  - Rules were changed so that they could be linked to the trespassing clause, this means that people can be charged with trespassing by the city and can be kept out of the park for a certain amount of days. Longest term being one year max.
  - Please see the new rules posted at the park entrances as well as the website
  - Call 911 for a problem, dispatch will decide where your call needs to go whether it is police or call Animal control
  - Park rangers should not be called for in-progress problems

### **Promoting Community Awareness**

- Richland Park Ranger Jason Janosky
  - He frequents the park and is the person we should contact about park issues
    - He can be contacted using this number: (509)942-7533
    - Call if you need to trespass someone or help educate a park-goer
    - Questions:
      - Can a rule be added against bringing food into the park? It is an etiquette thing, have a discussion with the person
      - Kids have been playing with the water, breaking tree branches, and playing in the dirt, is there anything we can do about that? It is a discussion you can have with the parent about why it isn't healthy or why it isn't safe for the park and the kid
- Tri-Cities Animal control and shelter Angela Zilar
  - If there is a situation, call 911 first, they can dispatch both the police and animal control at the same time if needed
  - In-progress emergency is an imminent danger situation to a person or an animal
  - We discussed different situations that could come up and what to do

- If there is a situation with a repeat offender, they need to know when it happens so it can be recorded each time (photographs can be used as evidence)
- They are willing to come in to help educate park-goers on a Wed or Thurs

#### **Other Discussion**

- Mowing day has been changed to Tuesdays
- We discussed placing some dirt near entrances to repair the holes in the park
- The park ranger and animal control business cards will be placed in each message board

**Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.**