

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2019 DOG PARK TASK FORCE MEETING
GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
999 GREEN BAY ROAD, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm and roll was called.

Commissioners and Staff present:

President Lisa Brooks, Vice President Stefanie Boron, Executive Director/Secretary Lisa Sheppard

Task Force Members present:

Michael Bier, Rene Firmin, Laurie Gross, Erich Haupt, Susan Isaacson, Anne Nathan

Discussion on Article on Chevy Chase Dog Park Closure in Maryland: The task force talked about the article. Comments included...

- Chevy Chase issues about surrounding houses and parking could be similar to parking at Shelton on Harbor
- A draw for dogs, so there will be more issues with dogs going to the bathroom on route
- Possible solution to label a half-block or so - "no parking"
- The Village will look into parking on snow storage land during non-snow seasons, would not be available for about 5 months a year
- Noise was main complaint in the Chevy Chase articles, even with shortened hours the homeowners were bothered by noise. A berm, shrubs were suggested although a berm will take up most of the park. A berm in a suburban town next to a baseball park does not reduce the noise. Berms are more for visual, not for reduction in decibels.
- The low area at Shelton will need drainage or to be built up, possibly a good area for a berm
- People should lose their privileges if parking or the dog park is misused.
- Another park district revoked membership to a dog for biting another dog, the dog owner sued the park district for discrimination against their dog; the park district did not want to spend tax dollars on a lawsuit, so they gave the membership back.
- Limit hours during early and late hours; it was noted that Chevy Chase tried that, many work from home or have babies napping during the day

General Discussion: Comments included...

- Just because Shelton is the best of the bunch does not mean it should be advanced; there can still be obstacles that cannot be overcome.
- The task force should go door to door to touch base with those who do not respond to the survey. We want to hear their voice.
- The task force decided to reach out to Shelton neighbors first and do their due diligence and try to find a solution for a dog park that is needed.

- Owners knew about Watts Ice Rinks prior to buying whereas this would be a new amenity.
- Dog park size of .9 or .45 was discussed; .9 was advanced even with the more expensive price tag
- Water issues from turf was discussed, possibly a turf entrance only to reduce mud
- Making the tough decision that will affect neighbors

Survey Discussion:

- The survey will allow for multi-person households.
- Homes to be surveyed were determined based on home location and parking impact.

Next meeting: The task force will discuss the survey results. Comments were read from a member not able to attend the meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Sheppard
Secretary