MEETING MINUTES
Board of Animal Control
Wednesday
April 11, 2018
7:00 pm
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, Rm 2404

Members Present: Chair Meredith Rives, Vicky Pasenko, Kristy Bachmann, Dawn Davis-Zeinemann

Members Absent: Ruth Ann Hladish

Staff Present: Ald. Peter Braithwaite, Animal Warden David Rose, Admin. Secretary Michelle Smith

Guests:

Presiding Member: Chair Meredith Rives

CALL TO ORDER
With a quorum present, Chair Rives called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS
New members Kristi Bachmann and Dawn Davis-Zeinemann were introduced.

CITIZEN COMMENT
None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
The minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting were motioned for approval by Kristi Bachmann and seconded by Vicky Pasenko with a voice vote taken, and were approved as presented.

REPORTS
Shelter Report – Discussion of the Forever Foster Program; re-iteration of the help the shelter receives from community volunteers and foster parents; there are new litters and a need for fosters; Chair Rives agreed to foster two of the puppies and Member Davis-Zeinemann is willing to foster as well; two years of data from a newly-created data sheet for the shelter’s statistics was shared.
Gala update – Proceeds of $60,000 which is twice as much as last year; a hot item was the naming of the kennel at the shelter; there were sponsorships, a silent auction, a paddle raise auction, great food, and the format was nice. Vaccine clinic and micro chipping on May 19th, - 500 vaccines will be donated

Animal Warden Report– This is skunk season. Will add skunk education to the website: we don’t want to eliminate skunks, they’re good predators for vermin, rather relocate them because they’ll be killed if wildlife control is called to address their presence, wildlife control is mandated to kill them; high number of skunks is due to mild winters.

CHAIR REPORT
Chair Rives would like to promote “pocket-style” dog parks/pooch parks to make a more dog-friendly community and enhance dog ownership. The parks would be small spaces with gravel or mulch and benches for the owners. She feels there is ample space and says it should be a goal for our community. She found a grant Evanston may be eligible for. She would like to start pilot pocket parks and would need fence, ground, signage, and benches. The challenge would be the time-line; the application is due April 27, 2018 and will need the mayor’s support and a grant writer. She states this project is important for pets to have a place to run and referenced Chicago’s 606, also stating this should be a priority. All members present stated it is worth pursuing. (Staff showed public contact information for the mayor’s assistant on the screen at chair’s request for the information) Animal Warden suggested starting with Evanston’s largest parks for locations to be considered. Chair added, consider the high-traffic parks and there should be no fee for use of the areas.

BUSINESS/DISCUSSION
Parking lot- no new information
Chair Rives nominated Vicky Pasenko to serve a second term. Kristi seconded the nomination, Vicky accepted the nomination.

NEXT MEETING
July 11, 2018

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Smith,
Administrative Lead
Evanston Police Department

Approved AWB Minutes 4-11-18