2019 Evanston Dog Beach Update

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July 8, 2019
Dog Beach in 2004
2019 Dog Beach
2019 Dog Beach Entrance
Dog Beach Revenues

2011: 980 passes and $63,480  
2012: 1020 passes and $68,410  
2013: 960 passes and $61,915  
2014: 927 passes and $60,280  
2015: 798 passes and $50,430  
2016: 499 passes and $27,635  
2017: 691 passes and $43,590  
2018: 0 passes and $0  
2019: 0 passes and $0
STATE BEACH REQUIREMENTS

• State Administrative Swimming Code, Section 820.400 (14):

  No pets are permitted in the beach area including dogs.

Rationale:

• Pets carry diseases
• Possibility of fleas and wasps
• Allergic reactions and exhibition of aggressive behaviors
EVANSTON CODES

Evanston Codes disallowing dogs on beaches
• Section 9-4-7 ©: It is unlawful for cats and dogs to be on public beaches except at a designated dog beach.

No State public health law that disallows dog beaches

Established Evanston Dog Beach Code:
• Section 7-11-8, provides rules and regulations for an Evanston dog beach.
PROPOSED DOG PARK
NEXT STEPS

1. Identify and Evaluate Rating Criteria
   - Local government
     • Ann Arbor, MI
     • Norfolk, VA
     • District of Columbia
   - Industry Standards
     • American Kennel Club

2. Compare Potential Sites
   - Existing parks
   - Available private property
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NEXT STEPS

3. Community Discussion
   - Community meeting(s)
   - Community survey
   - Parks & Recreation Board

4. Evaluate Costs
   - Range: Low to High

5. Recommendation to City Council
PROPOSED DOG PARK TIMELINE

Phase 1 – Planning:

Staff research Nov 2019 – Feb 2020
Community discussion Mar 2020 – Aug 2020
Identify/schedule funding July 2020 – Aug 2020
City Council approval Sep 2020

Phase 2 – Design Oct 2020 – May 2021

Phase 3 – Construction Jun 2021 – Oct 2021

Dog park opening Oct 2021
QUESTIONS???