

Leash Free Mississauga Board Meeting - Minutes

7-9 PM, January 9, 2013 – (Approved April 3, 2013)
Mississauga Valley Community Centre, Program Room 2

Attendance:

Michael Axford, Totoredaca	Nancy Gorelle - Vice President
Debra Buckler - Treasurer	Barbara Hanson - Secretary, PPC, Rep JD.
Richard Bramwell - Rep Totoredaca	Jim Harper - Director
Dave Carty - Totoredaca	Hazel McColl, City Liaison
Andrea Casales, Past President	Shane McNeil - Rep Garnetwood
Michael Franklin - Member	Gary Molson, - Rep. Parkway Belt
	Patricia Pierpoint, Pres. Rep. Lakewood,. Meeting Chair
	Michael Wood, Director
Regrets: Lynne Hind, David Black	

General

Motion to Approve agenda moved by Nancy, seconded by Shane carried

Motion to approve Minutes of Dec 5, 2012 moved by Jim seconded by Michael Wood.

Reports

City of Mississauga

Subjects discussed - changes to parks bylaws, fines changing, changing opening hours, Du Rose coming to Feb board meeting to discuss dog walkers 30 minutes of meeting to be allotted for this discussion.

Moved by Patricia s seconded Richard: That we recommend all LFM zones be open from 5am to 12 midnight daily.

Carried

Financial report submitted

Membership -

Lists updated to Dec 31 2012 given to reps. Form is being redesigned. Working on improving online renewal. Will try to put total number of members on lists in the future.

Zones

Etobicoke Valley

I requested a sand box for the ice last week; The box was delivered asap, however, I was advised that the city no longer uses a sand mixture so we got salt. Not sure I like putting salt down, for the dogs feet for sure, but at EV, it all runs into the creek.

We also got a temporary bulletin board installed. This will suffice until the spring at which time we will get a permanent one. I have a membership box to install, haven't been to the park since the board was put up.

There is an awful lot of "poop" that remains behind. I think I will put up a sign about that. It's not even in the bushes, it's in the wide open. Probably just need some reminders.

Is there an updated member list that I can put up at the park. The last one was dated September, I think.

Garnetwood

- Christmas party at Doggy Central, a success. Just over 20 park patrons came, at \$15 each. We charged \$5 less than last year's party; basically only having about same amount of patrons. Break-even situation, with rental of facility. Door treats handed out, as well as three prize bags were raffled. Sold 16 calendars. Was hoping for a bigger turn-out, although party was held on same day as Sand Hook-School shootings.

- Some complaints about ice at Garnetwood's front entrance. Will try and attempt to have the city have in place proper signage notifying there is no winter maintenance.

- Still working on setting appointments with city councillors. Due to holidays, have yet to confirm any meetings.

Jack Darling

We had recent evidence of Coyotes in the Zone. Our planned membership drive did not happen owing to a family illness for one of our Membership volunteers. Situations that remind us of the need to get a Code of Conduct in place to link with City Policies.

Lakeside

Owner reported dog bite incident which happened on Nov 14th. Rottweiler mix was bitten by a German Sheppard; both dogs going after the same ball. There was no animosity between the owners; each took responsibility for their dogs' behaviour. Rottie owner had pet insurance that covered partial cost and asked other owner to share balance, which was readily agreed.

Report of Boxing day escape by Brittany Spaniel (approx. 2' and 30 - 40 lbs) through paige wire fence. Mike Franklin noticed the dog on Lakeshore Rd by the refinery and followed her up to Sheridan Nurseries where she turned back to the refinery. Mike was able to get her into his car and went to Lakeside just in case anyone was looking for her there. Her owner was delighted to have her back.

Good calendar sales although many visitors no longer carry cash. Directing to other vendors and arranging for future sales in Park.

No further reports of vehicle break-ins at Lakeside but concerned that some drivers are leaving windows down or car unlocked to avoid broken windows.

Vehicle break-in reported to police at JD yesterday. Description of damage very consistent with Lakeside experience.

Parkway Belt - We welcome Gary Molson as the new Zone Rep

Introduce Gary Molson who accepted the role of Zone Representative for Parkway Belt at a meeting in the Park on January 2nd. Other attendees, who approved Gary's appointment included;

Jessie Gill
Carol Mitchell
Nadia-Chantal Thansingh
Denice Staze
Lori Mitchell
Neil Sheth
Puneet Soni
Moreen Blader

Discussed current issues and voted to support Gary as Zone Representative

Issues:

1. Exposure – cold and windy knoll bordered by Hwy 403, Eglinton Ave., recent housing estate and the Hershey Centre Park.
2. Fencing – 8' chain link bordering 403.
Paige wire bordering foot path with exposure to Eglinton Ave. in South West corner.
3. Dogs escaping through Paige wire fence.

Quenippenon Meadows

There is nothing new to report for Q Park since the last meeting.

Totoredaca

problems with people tearing down signs on our bulletin board (e.g. Hazel McColl's Parking Lot Safety Poster.

planning a sturdy, lockable, acrylic cover for our bulletin board.

a whopping after hours fine levied against one of our visitors

animal control parking in our parking lot to catch people walking their dogs to or from their cars without a leash.

placing calendars at HotHounds in Streetsville and at Global Pet Food in Meadowvale Town Center

suggested calendars show more pet-human interaction, include dog and owner names (along with photographer, if different), the particular LFZ, the park rep

Fund Raising

Calendar about \$1500 to date and about another \$400 to come.

Advertisers paid \$500 to have advertisement on month page and got 50 calendars to either give away or sell.

Paypal needs to be improved Michael will work on this. A budget will come to the board for approval.

Other Business

Policy Procedures and Constitution - 10 minutes

Priorities for 2013

Agreed that as per the list below members will develop draft proposals for inclusion in our Policies and Guidelines after reviewing input submitted by members for the following issues and bring them to the Board for approval.

All members are encourage to provide input on these issues to the person listed 2 weeks prior to the Board meeting where an issues will be discussed.

CODE OF CONDUCT February

Barbara

Signage, Posting on Bulletin Boards, Sponsorship and Advertising March
Debra

Zone Standards April
Nancy

Fund Raising, Events May
Patricia

9:02pm Motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes moved by Nancy, seconded by Debra.
Carried

Need to do an inventory with photographs of all signs in each zone and give to Debra to assist in developing policy on signs.

Michael to deal with e-mail addresses and report at March Board meeting Dave to assist

Motion to adjourn moved by Gary, seconded by Shane
Carried

Meeting adjourned 9:11pm

Date and Time of Next Meeting

February 6, 2013 7 - 9 pm Mississauga Valley Community Centre, Program Room 2