

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN**  
**PET FRIENDLY TASK GROUP MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, March 30, 2022**

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Call to Order

Chair Laura Berchem called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call: Betty Ackley, Laura Berchem, Abby Block, Michelle Warner,, Kristine Potter, Michelle Gentine, Pam Hertel, Andy Heyn, Scott Mills, Molly Talaska and Michelle Warner may attend remotely.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laura Berchem, Abby Block, Michelle Gentine, Pam Hertel, Andy Heyn, Michelle Warner

**ABSENT:** Betty Ackley, Kristine Potter, Scott Mills, Molly Talaska

**STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Ryan Sorenson

**MINUTES**

4. Approval of Minutes - January 26, 2022

Motion by Michelle Gentine to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2022 meeting. Second by Pam Hertel. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

5. Discuss next steps relative to the BETTER CITIES FOR PETS Grant and the results of the Pet-Friendliness Assessment:
  - a. The group discussed the deliverables as stated in the BETTER CITIES FOR PETS grant application. In its contract with Mars Petcare, the City committed to recommending at least seven additional parks allow dogs. The group formulated a draft list of eight areas to discuss more in depth with Joe Kerlin, the Superintendent of Parks and Forestry. The group was clear that in all cases, dogs should not be allowed on playgrounds or splash pads. After receiving the support of the Superintendent, the recommendations will then go to the Common Council for referral to the Department of Public Works and if necessary, to the Board of Parks, Marina and Forestry. The City Attorney will draft any ordinance changes as recommended following this process for final consideration and potential adoption by the Common Council.
  - b. Andy Heyn brought up the state of the Town of Wilson dog run and stated the town is getting a new public works director. There is hope that the condition will improve with this change. Andy is willing to volunteer his time to better keep the property up but would need the equipment to do so. He brought up the donations made at the dog run, which go into a general parks fund. Andy believes this

should be more transparent or solely used for the dog run. The Mayor will work with Andy to find a resolution.

- c. Michelle Warner brought up the placement of bones in areas frequented by dogs. When first encountering them in the fall of 2020, she felt it highly unlikely they were being deposited by any natural process due to their odd placement. She became fully convinced they were being left intentionally when she and her dog recently began finding bones wrapped in bread, seemingly to entice dogs to eat them. Michelle will share photos and additional information with the Mayor.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

6. Next meeting date

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 12:30 pm.

#### **ADJOURN**

7. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Michelle Gentine, second by Andy Heyn to adjourn. Motion carried.

Due to no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.

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