

The West Branch Animal Control Commission met on August 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were Ashley, Amy, Neil, and Alan. Also present was Chief Horihan. Leesa was absent.

Minutes from the May 10, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

1. Pet Owner's Guide: Katie has pictures and information and is working on the brochure.
2. We will be participating in the Hoover's Hometown Parade again this year by carrying the Dog Park banner we used last year.
3. Discussion was held regarding the Dog Park rules and enforcement. One dog owner has been bringing more than two dogs at a time to the park and would like to continue. Present rules stipulate that only two dogs per owner are allowed. A possible exception may be granted from the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm on weekdays. If another dog entered the park, previous rules would apply. This will be reviewed again at our next meeting and Alan will contact Matt Muckler to see if this change will require council approval.

Also discussed was printing and posting a spreadsheet with dog name, tag number, description, and year of expiration. It was decided not to post this at the dog park, but that giving a copy of this along with owner's name would be good for animal control commission members.

Allowing commission members to act as 'meter maids' to enforce unauthorized use of the park was discussed but the general feeling among members was that this may not be a good idea.

4. There was no other old business.

New Business:

1. Police report: There were no new reports of dog bites.
2. Some complaints were heard regarding dog waste at Lion's Field. The commission recommended that a station with doggie bags be put at the field. Also recommended was to mount a sign like the one at the dog park regarding parasite control and the importance of picking up solid waste.
3. There was no other new business.

The next meeting will be held on September 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.