

The West Branch Animal Control Commission met on May 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were Alan Beyer, Leesa Johnson, Amy Kessler, Ashley Olsen, and Red Provine. Also present were Sgt. Hanna and City Administrator Redmond Jones.

Minutes from the April meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

- A. *Addition to Agenda* - A letter was presented from the Cedar County Conservation Board concerning a bridge reconstruction project on the Hoover Nature Trail. This Board is asking that they use the Dog Park as a staging site for construction materials and parking for the contractors for the duration of the project. For safety reasons they believe that the Dog Park should be closed at that time. This was presented to the City Council and the Council is concerned about closing due to passes and this triggering a potential refund and the other administrative burdens caused. It was suggested by the council that they move the staging area to the South by 50 feet onto ground already owned by Cedar County. This would allow sharing the existing gravel area for parking with contractor and Dog Park attendees. Next step is another proposal to the City Council by the Conservation Board on May 21st. Discussion of the work being done in the winter as to not affect the Dog Park due to much less public use. Animal Control Commission suggests keeping all construction out of fenced area. Moving the sign to reduce chance of damage may be necessary. Alan will attend the City Council meeting when the Conservation Board meets with the Council.
- B. Ideas for outreach and service: Al spoke with The Friends of the Animals. They did not have any ideas at this time. They did say that they are going to be building a new building. Potential for a dog wash or a dog fair. Concern that attendance would be low. Keep our eyes open.
- C. Dog Park Cleanup: A citizen posted on Facebook that there was damage to the fence at the Dog Park. Discussed potential ideas for fixing the issue. The combination lock for the sign is found. Al has the number, along with Matt at Public Works and also Park and Rec. City Manager Jones inquired about adding the Dog Park to the other city parks. The city does mow now, but all previous work was done without work order. Question: If the Dog Park is in the city limits.

New Business:

- A. Police Report: Nothing to report. One stray found at Dog Park.
- B. Hoover's Hometown Days: We will address later but will most likely have a float of some sort in the parade.

Next meeting will be June 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.