

City of West Branch, IA – Animal Control Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 6:30 PM – West Branch Dog Park

Present: Alen Beyer, DVM (Chair), Leesa Johnson, Amy Lynch, Ashley Wildman, Nate Bartz

Absent: None

Next meeting: Monday, May 23, 2022 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order – Dr. Beyer

2. Roll Call – Dr. Beyer

3. Announcements

- Park Cleanup will follow meeting.

4. Discussion

- Meeting Minutes from the March 8, 2022, and April 12, 2022, Animal Control Commission Meetings will be reviewed and approved at next meeting.
- Don Bickford (father of Steve Bickford) was present to speak to the commission regarding a bench that was purchased that he would like to see placed at the dog park in memory of his late son. He would also like to purchase a tree to accompany the bench in his son's memory as well.
 - Commission determined that it would review this request with the Parks Department (final approval, timing, etc.).
 - Commission thanked Mr Bickford for attending and will follow up with him after they have more information.
- Animal Control Ordinance changes – Dr. Beyer
 - It was called out that if changes are accepted by Commission, they would then need to be reviewed by City Council, as well as City Attorney.
 - It was agreed that the most recent changes proposed gave Police Department more detailed guidance without being too rigid.
 - Amy made a motion to approve the changes. Leesa seconded. Motion carried.
- Dog Park Annexation/Pipeline Concerns/Park Design – Dr Beyer
 - It was clarified that city will NOT need to “fence” current pipeline markers.
 - Commission looked at expansion area in relation to current dog park, taking into consideration parking, access to the trail, etc. Commission determined roughly

where new fence, gates, and entrance would go in order to begin getting bids for the new fence. Dr. Beyer will proceed with obtaining bids.

- Adjourn Meeting
 - Leesa moved to adjourn; Amy seconded. Motion carried.