

City of West Branch, IA – Animal Control Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

Present: Alen Beyer, DVM (Chair), Leesa Johnson, Ashley Wildman, and Nate Bartz (Secretary)

Absent: Amy Lynch (Vice-Chair)

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order – Dr. Beyer

2. Roll Call – Dr. Beyer

3. Announcements

- Tether balls and posts (2 sets) have been located and Dr. Beyer placed one at the “old” Dog Park. The second one will be placed in the “new” Dog Park once the ground has thawed a bit.
- Discussed whether there is a need for a “Dog Park Rules” sign for the “new” Dog Park entrance.
- Committee members have noticed traffic at the “new” Dog Park since project completion.

4. Discussion

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Commission Officers:
 - Dr. Al Beyer was re-nominated as Chairperson of the Commission.
 - Ashley motioned, Nate seconded. Motion carried.
 - Amy Lynch was re-nominated as Co-Chairperson of the Commission.
 - Ashley motioned, Leesa seconded. Motion carried.
 - Nate Bartz was re-nominated as Secretary.
 - Ashley motioned, Leesa seconded. Motion carried.
- Police Report:
 - Officer Steen reported that a group of nuisance racoons has been relocated from in town. No additional news to report from WB Police Department.

- Tawni Toth presented a three year report on TNR Team work with community cats. ACC gave group \$500 in 2021 from discretionary funds. Group is seeking additional funds to continue their work with a new cat colony. Dr. Beyer noted that discretionary funds are no longer available, unfortunately. Group discussed additional funds-raising avenues, including private fundraising and setting up a booth at the upcoming Dog Fair.
- Nate and Ashley Announced that planning has commenced for a second Dog Fair this Fall (September 21st, 2024). This will again include a Dog Jog at the Hoover Prairie in the morning, followed by the Dog Fair at Beranek Park in the afternoon.

5. Call to Adjourn Meeting

- Leesa moved to adjourn; Ashley seconded. Motion carried.