



Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner

Off-Leash Area Working Group

Friday, May 16, 2014

Site Visit NSHS- Brandeis Rd.

Meeting Minutes

Attending: P&R Commissioner DeRubeis, Ald. Susan Albright, Bud Grantham, Carol Stapleton, Ted Kuklinski, Cindy Bergan, Asst. Superintendent NPS, and Mike Cronin, Director of Operations NPS; notes by Carol Schein

The working group met out at the proposed OLA located across the street from the school on Brandeis Road, roughly opposite the soccer field scoreboard.

- School personnel thought that OLAWG's proposed site was too close to the school; there was concern over what the students might do and/or that someone might get hurt.
- They preferred to see it located further down Brandeis, closer to Greenwood, on the south side of the leaning tree that bisects this linear space. This area is narrower and smaller and would require perimeter pruning.
- It was then suggested this smaller, narrower area be used as a fenced small dog area and that a smaller-than-originally proposed large dog area be sited on the north side of the tree. The area(s) under discussion remain unresolved.
- 5' C.L. fence would be the height of the perimeter fencing with double gates at the ends so the mower can get through on a straight shot. Bergan was going over to look at the fenced Cabot OLA.
- Mike Cronin, at the last OLAWG had suggested the area currently used by dog owners behind NSHS's press box at the football field.