



Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner

Off-Leash Area Working Group

Friday, May 24, 2013

City Hall, Room 209

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Commissioner DeRubeis, Alderman Susan Albright, Amy Koel, Lee McIntyre, Carol Schein, Carol Stapleton, Bud Grantham, Jason Roberts

1. Jason Roberts, Off-Leash Recreation Specialist reported his observations for the week
 - Commissioner DeRubeis asked Mr. Roberts his observations on dog waste in the areas. Mr. Roberts stated there is minimal dog waste there are more discarded coffee cups than there is dog waste.
 - Commissioner DeRubeis continues to work with the Law Department to modify the ordinance to include citation rites for the Off-Leash Recreation Specialist.
 - Alderman Albright stated it would be a good service to provide mutt-mitt stations in other areas besides the off-leash areas.

2. Additional Sites
 - NSHS- long strip along Brandeis Rd, from entrance to tennis courts.
 - Area would be fenced
 - School property – will have to request permission from NPS
 - Would have to check with the Conservation Commission
 - OLAWG should schedule a site visit
 - Edmands Park
 - No fencing
 - Continue to speak with neighbors
 - Defacto off-leash area
 - Possible time or day restrictions
 - Forte Park
 - Fenced area between basketball courts and tree line
 - Possible small dog off-leash area
 - Would have to check with the Conservation Commission
 - Thompsonville Playground
 - Two locations viewed at location- requires a site visit
 - Check deed for the playground to establish ownership

3. Next meeting
 - **The next meeting is Friday, May 31, 2013 at 9:30am in Room 202 in City Hall**