

Milford Animal Commission Minutes

June 14, 2017

Members Present

M. Blake
S. Nierenberg
K. Dorney
S. Stanek
C. Harla, via conference call
C. Aronson, Orange Liaison

Also Present

S. Ellingson, ACO, Director

BTO 12:00

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Commissioner Nierenberg and seconded by Commissioner Stanek. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the Wardens Report was made by Commissioner Dorney and seconded by Commissioner Nierenberg. Motion carried,

Department Report: At present there are no dogs and no kittens in the shelter. Kitten season has been exceptionally slow. Per the special meeting on June 2, 2017 \$1000.00 from donations was allocated to a special promotional account for which the Animal Commission will oversee. The money is to be used temporarily to purchase the bumper stickers for the "Heat Kills" campaign. The Tesla grant was for \$400.00 and private citizens donated \$300.00 for the campaign. The bumper stickers were \$700.00. The \$1000.00 borrowed from the donation money will be re-paid and any profit realized from the sale of the bumper stickers will be put into the promotional account to be used for other promotional expenses. Once the Bumper Stickers are delivered a social media campaign will advertise the sale of the stickers and locations where they will be available.

Scott shared that there was a Bear sighting on Seaside Ave. on Monday along with pictures of the bear. The conference room has been repainted and the parking lot lines were also repainted. Scott said that they are cleaning out the Pet Food Bank and requested funds to purchase shelving etc. to organize the area so that they can keep on top of food donations and rotate as needed. Commissioner Nierenberg made a motion to allocate up to \$500.00 to purchase new shelving for the Pet Food Bank and other necessities to update and organize the cat area. Commissioner Harla seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commission Report: Scott reported that he had spoken to the City Clerk about the Oyster Festival and she said she may be able to get us a table in the non-profit area as opposed to in front of the FD. The entire Commission was in favor of this so Scott will relay this to the City Clerk. If for some reason this cannot happen then they will set up in front of FD as originally planned. Commissioner Harla is checking with the City Attorney about the legalities of the Animal Commission selling Bumper Stickers at the Oyster Fest.

Correspondence: donations \$362.00.

Old Business:

License Survey: since this is a year long ongoing endeavor a Motion was made by Commissioner Nierenberg and seconded by Commissioner Dorney to remove this item, under old business, from the agenda. Motion carried.

Volunteer up-date: very slow hopefully will pick up when school is out.

New vehicle: The delivery was delayed and now it is at MHQ for detailing but they are very busy at this time, but it is in line to be done hopefully by July's meeting. Scott shared that he had found a cage insert that looks to be perfect for the new truck, he will investigate further and get specs and prices for the Commission.

Paige Liptak Memorial fund: Pat shared that Lisa from Bodies Place had priced out the special swing, that would accommodate wheelchairs, and the cost is prohibitive. She then went back to Paul from the Recreation department, since they are now in charge of the upkeep of Bodies Place, for more ideas. He said she could purchase a bench for Bodies Place, or a bench for her daughter Erin's field, behind Meadowside school, or possibly both. He also said you can purchase a tree "in memory" to be planted where needed in the city. The amount of money in the last accounting of the Paige Liptak Memorial Fund is \$2655.00. Commissioner Nierenberg made a motion to disburse \$2655.00 from the PLMF to the appropriate department for the purchase of benches etc. in memory of Paige, and any monies in excess of these purchases shall be donated to "Bodies Place" Commissioner Stanek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Info Signs: Commissioner Dorney made a motion to table this item until Scott checked on feasibility and prices of the signs and brought them to the Commission. Commissioner Nierenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Nierenberg made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dorney seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 13:11 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Liptak