



**City of Boiling Spring Lakes
Board of Commissioners ~ Dog Park
Workshop Meeting
September 29, 2016
City Hall – 6:30 p.m.**

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1. Call to Order ~ Mayor Craig Caster

Mayor Caster called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Attendance ~ in attendance at the meeting were:

Mayor Craig Caster	Commissioner Mark Stewart
Commissioner Mary Stilwell	Commissioner David Putnam
Commissioner David Crawford	City Clerk Jane McMinn
City Manager Jeff Repp	

3. Proposed Dog Park ~ Park & Recreation Advisory Board ~ Carolyn Doshier

Ms. Doshier commented on the Facebook survey stating we had responses from BSL citizens and the surrounding area on the topic of a dog park here in BSL. The Advisory Board will be forming a sub-committee and we are asking the Board give us a period of time; approximately six (6) months to further determine public support, look at further sights and determine rules and regulations. The committee would be responsible for fund raising to include fencing and signage. We would also like the Board to approve using city property for the dog park. Other city and parks & recreation responsibilities may include mowing, trash pickup and quarterly flea and tick treatment. We used the model of the Salty Dog Park on Oak Island. Ms. Doshier stated she had copies of the Salty Dog rules and regulations and also the Facebook survey results. Both information flyers were distributed to each of the Board members.

4. Comments ~ Board of Commissioners

Comments, questions and concerns were asked by all members of the Board.

- How do we control the dog park – who will monitor the dogs for their shots, license, etc.
- A sub-committee will be formed to come up with a location; there are concerns if a request would be to put a dog park close to a residential area.

- Another concern is the cleanup and maintenance, how do we control who will keep the park clean?
- Who and how often will the park be patrolled to make sure people are adhering to the rules and regulations of the park?
- What age would children be allowed into the park?
- Will dogs be required to be on a leash while in the park? Our city ordinance states all dogs must be on a leash, if dogs were allowed off leash in the park then the ordinance will need to be changed. If dogs are off-leash there is a concern that dogs may attack each other.
- What would the hours of the park be; will non-residents be permitted to use the park?
- Who will spray the park for fleas and ticks and how often will that be done?
- Storm water runoff is a concern how will that be mitigated?
- Dogs swimming in a lake is another concern. This is a concern for the dogs as well as residents living on the lake.

Mary Green commented, forming a sub-committee is a good idea along with a feasibility study for the six-month requested time; there needs to be a lot more public input.

The Board is open minded to the idea of the dog park and is willing to give the committee the time to gather further information and report back.

5. **Public Comment ~**

Kay Talbott ~ 1100 Grant Circle

Ms. Talbott would like to see a safe place added to the many recreational areas in the city for dogs. The requirements for a dog park are simple, land, chain link fence and a trash can. A sub-committee can raise the funds to maintain the park.

Karen Kreitzbender – 1911 Robin Rd.

Ms. Kreitzbender commented the board wants the information, and stated she is aware of so many residents that would love to have a dog park. Ms. Kreitzbender also confirmed she would volunteer her time to help maintain the park.

John Rzeplinski – 1264 Grace Rd.

Mr. Rzeplinski thanked the Board for the questions and comments they have made regarding this subject. I would like to see the park is done in the right way. Mr. Rzeplinski suggested if the sub-committee is planning to request property on a lake that an environmental study be done to know the impact of a dog park.

Bernadette Balderston – 270 Crystal Rd.

Ms. Balderston commented she has recently visited a dog park, she also has visited the Salty Dog Park on Oak Island. The park I recently visited has a paws card that requires residents to go to the town and register their dog, you are then given a swipe card which allows you to have access to the park, only registered people can gain entrance; you will get responsible dog owners. You can have proof from a vet that your dog is not aggressive.

6. Adjourn ~

A ***motion*** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Putnam and ***seconded*** by Commissioner Stewart.

Vote 5 ~ 0

The Dog Park Workshop was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Craig Caster, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jane McMinn, City Clerk



Date

