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DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

March 19, 2024

Present: Marilyn Valette, Laurie Van Wilgen, Melodie O'Connor, John Dendas, Eric Maass, Bernice McKay

Absent: Gretchen Dale

Guest: Laura Burban

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

Minutes from the last meeting- were reviewed Melodie O' Connor made a motion to approve. John Dendas seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Shelter Reports- were reviewed Bernice McKay made a motion to approve. Laurie Van Wilgen seconded the motion.

Budget- A meeting was held last evening. Laura Burban and John Dendas were in attendance and requested an increase of \$5000.00 for Summer Camp fees. An increase for the on call ACO's from \$15.00 a night to \$30.00 per night from the hours of 5 PM TO 7:30 AM.

Shelter Update- The splash pad has been approved to move forward and a purchase order has been submitted we are waiting on the work to actually be completed.

There has been a major increase in the number of visitors at the shelter for instance from July 2022 we had 278 visitors compared to July 2023 there were a total of 715 visitors.

The sound system still has not been repaired, the IT department for the town of Branford is supposed to be handling this this ongoing issue. The cleaning of the shelter is still an issue Brian has visited and it's been discussed. Wendy will be following up on this problem once again.

It has been discussed with Jamie possibly hiring a subcontractor to do the cleaning.

The shelter has lots of kittens and two litters of puppies at the moment and there has been a significant increase in adoptions lately.

Fundraisers

In lieu of Woodstock this summer there is work in progress of possibly having a fundraiser at The Owenego with bands and food trucks Laura will keep us updated on that.

The Mother's Day fundraiser at the Parthenon diner will be held sometime the week before Mother's Day. Our volunteer of the year award will be presented at this event.

On March 21st there will be a 5K Run in Madison that will benefit the shelter. There are presently 225 runners registered.

Melodie O'Connior made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Dendas seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Van Wilgen

Commission Member

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission