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DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

April 16, 2024

**Present:** Marilyn Vailette, Gretchen Dale, Laurie Van Wilgen, Melodie O'Connor, Eric Maass, Bernice McKay

**Absent:** John Dendas

**Guest:** Laura Burban

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

**Minutes from the last meeting-** were reviewed, Melodie O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes, Gretchen Dale seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Updates from last month's meeting-**

**Cleaning:** Wendy Continues to work with Brian to get the cleaning up to an acceptable level, but it has been a struggle. Brian assured Wendy he would work with her and his people to try and improve the situation. If this does not improve, we will need to revisit the issue with Jamie Cosgrove.

**Sound System:** Laura spoke to the person who has the codes for the sound system, and they are trying to get Laura the codes to get the music working again as this is most important for the animals.

**Splash Pad:** Laura reported that this work has begun, and they need 3-4 days of sun to finish the pawprints so hopefully this will be done in a week or two.

**Hiring:** A part time ACO has been hired and 2 animal care people have been hired

**Trails:** Gary from Public works is moving ahead and working on clearing the trails

**Budget Meeting:** The next RTM Budget meeting will be held April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Laura asked all the Commission members who were available to attend. Budget increases are needed for the on call 24-hour person from \$15 to \$30.

**Upcoming Events:**

The Mother's Day event at the Parthenon Diner is scheduled for May 21, 2024. There will be 120 tickets available to be sold. They are looking for a Psychic for the evening. If anyone has any contact with a psychic who might be willing to help, please let them know.

Laura is looking at having an event at the Owenego Club instead of Woofstock this year. Currently working on the Sponsorship, cost of the food trucks and an available date Owenego is available to have the event.

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laurie VanWilgen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission