

**SPECIAL MEETING
BAINBRIDGE TOWN BOARD
MAY 29TH, 2018**

Present: Dolores Nabinger	Supervisor
Jennifer Sienko	Councilwoman
David DeClue	Councilman
Deborah Hromada	Councilwoman
Kelly Hromada-Johnson	Councilwoman
Gary Richman	Highway Superintendent
Recording Secretary: Aric McKown	Town Clerk

Supervisor Nabinger called Special Meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Supervisor Nabinger stated to the members of the board and the public, that the main purpose of the tonight's special meeting was to figure out how to finance the dog park.

RESOLUTION #1

Motion was made by Councilman DeClue, second by Councilwoman Hromada, for the Town of Bainbridge to construct a dog park at General Clinton Park at a cost, not to exceed \$7,500.00 with a 5 foot fence for large and small dogs with separate enclosures, rules for use and location of layout to be determined later by the town board.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilman DeClue, Councilwoman Hromada, Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Sienko; No: none; Motion Carried.

Supervisor Nabinger recently spoke to June White of the Bainbridge Rotary, and said that the Rotary is in favor of the dog park but will not be applying for anymore grant work this year. She also mentioned that the Clinton Park Reserves for Clinton Park were at \$92,000.00.

Clinton Park Superintendent Richman commented that he does not want to see this fall below \$60,000.00

Members of the town board and residents of Bainbridge expressed their views and opinions on the construction of a dog park.

Clinton Park Groundskeeper Tim Harmon commented on the horrible condition of the shingles on the pavilions, as well as the toilets and showers in the bathrooms that need attention. Harmon talked about 'wants and needs', and that we to be taking care of our needs first.

Robert Dann of the Bainbridge Rotary talked about the Rotary's grant proceedings and when these grants would be available again for the construction of the dog park. Dann spoke about the real purpose of a dog park and how it's meant for dog socialization and being in an area without a leash.

Bob Evans presented questions to think about. Is there a want or need for a dog park? Are the rewards greater than the risks? Is there a site that will work and how will you pay for it?

Councilman DeClue said the dog park is relatively maintenance free, and would like to see Clinton Park be self sustaining.

Councilwoman Johnson said that a dog park adds to the quality of life in a community. She stated that she's done her research and is confident the dog park would get used. Johnson said that there's a small percentage of dog bites and that other dog owners would help with picking up dog poop. She concluded that she's interested in fund raising and grants, and the town coming up with ½ the costs.

Councilwoman Sienko asked why there was a giant rush to get the dog park done? She talked about the location of the dog park and where you will get the most annual usage.

Councilwoman Hromada informed everyone that the dog park project in 2006 was turned down because of the timing of the trail going in at Clinton Park and insurance hadn't been looked into. She stated that she wasn't in favor of using the Clinton Park Reserves for the dog park, and that we should look into fundraisers. Hromada concluded that she would like to see the town pursue this, have a layout and set a deadline.

Clinton Park Superintendent Richman stated that he wasn't in favor of the dog park and doesn't see the purpose in it.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:35PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Aric McKown
Bainbridge Town Clerk