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**Emerald Isle Dog Park Development Committee
May 16, 2018 3PM, Community Center
Minutes**

Members present: Ginger Garner, Judy Graham, Wendy Megyese, Joe Russick, Jennifer Temple, Gus Wilgus and Denise Ziegler..

Staff Support- Frank Rush, Town Manager, Alesia Sanderson, Director of Parks & Recreation. Guests-Mayor Eddie Barber, Commissioner Mark Taylor and James Jablonski.

The meeting was called to order at 3PM by Chair Wendy Megyese.

Denise Ziegler made the motion to approve the April 18, 2018 minutes. Judy Graham second. The minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

The Committee and guests toured a 1.5 acre area in McLean-Spell Park which had been marked by staff. After walking the area the committee discussed various variables associated with the site at length including:

- uneven terrain
- the need for clearing and grading and removing stumps
- the need for an elevated observation platform to keep dogs visible
- height for fencing and types
- surface cover and the concerns of dogs being dirty if left natural
- coyote concerns
- means of emergency alert methods in the park
- dog washing station at the entrance/exit

Fundraising ideas focused on selling bricks much like EMS, Broad Creek Middle and other local organizations have done as well as a sign similar to the one used by the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee during their capital campaign for bike path construction. Members will give these ideas some thought and discuss more at the June 20, 2018 meeting.

Alesia Sanderson, Director of Parks & Recreation agreed to provide a preliminary budget when the committee makes a definitive decision on fencing, area and components of the park.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45PM. Next meeting date-June 20, 2018 3PM