

RESOLUTION NO. 1222

RESOLUTION APPROVING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE WEST BRANCH DOG PARK.

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Commission and the West Branch Girl Scouts believed that the Hillshire Brands Company property located near the intersection of North Downey Road and the Hoover Nature Trail would be an appropriate location for a dog park; and

WHEREAS, Animal Control Commission Member Amy Lynch approached the Hillshire Brands Company and asked them to donate the land for use as a municipal dog park; and

WHEREAS, the Hillshire Brands Company agreed to make a contribution to the City of an approximately two-acre tract of land located near the intersection of North Downey Road and the Hoover Nature Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City Council entered into a donation agreement with the Hillshire Brands Company on December 17, 2012 by approving Resolution 1060; and

WHEREAS, West Branch Animal Commission Members Amy Lynch and Kandi Baylor presented a model of the proposed dog park to the West Branch City Council at the March 4, 2013 City Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council entered into a 28E Agreement with Cedar County to construct and maintain a dog park by approving Resolution 1092 on April 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a non-profit entity, West Branch Dog Park, Inc., was then formed for the promotion of the development of the dog park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution 1117 on June 10, 2013, approving the development of the West Branch Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, West Branch Dog Park, Inc. has constructed fencing and worked with local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops to construct a shelter and benches and seed the property for use as a dog park; and

WHEREAS, the West Branch Animal Control Commission has worked to develop rules and regulations for the West Branch Dog Park and it is now necessary to approve these rules and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa, that the Rules and Regulations for the West Branch Dog Park are hereby approved.

Passed and approved this 4th day of August, 2014.



Mark Worrell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Matt Muckler, City Administrator/Clerk

WEST BRANCH DOG PARK RULES

For the safety and enjoyment of all dogs and their human companions,
please read and abide by these rules.

Upon arrival at the park, don't congregate with your dogs at the entryway or gates to allow easy entry/exit of all visitors.

All Dogs must....

- Be fully vaccinated for rabies.
- Display a permit for use of the park.
- Be accompanied by a responsible person at least 16 years old.
- Be on leash when entering or exiting the off-leash area*.
*off-leash area is only the fenced area, not the parking lot or surrounding areas.
- Be under the handler's visual contact and voice control at all times.

The following dogs are not allowed in the park....

- Vicious, dangerous or aggressive dogs.
- Dogs with communicable diseases.
- Dogs in heat.

Dog handlers must....

- Clean up after their dogs using the black, biodegradable bags available at the park. All dog waste should be deposited in garbage cans at the park entry area.
- Carry a leash for each dog in the park.
- Discourage dog(s) from excessive barking and any dominating behavior such as staring, humping and/or bullying.
- Stop dog(s) from digging and fill any holes made by their dog (s).
- Be responsible for actions and behavior of their dog(s) at all times
- Remove pinch, choke or spike collars prior to entering the park. (This is a safety issue as dogs can be injured by such collars when playing).
- Not have more than two dogs per handler in the park at one time

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult.

Wheeled devices, except wheel chairs or strollers, are not allowed; including skateboards, bicycles, wagons, or roller blades.

Smoking is prohibited within the fenced areas.

No food allowed in the park except for small training treats to prevent any bone of contention between dogs.

Users of the facility do so at their own risk.

Other park rules and ordinances may apply.

Violations should be reported to
West Branch City Offices
319-643-5888

Non-Emergency Contact
563-886-2121

Emergency
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