



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Second Floor Conference Room
Monday, May 22, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

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Members Present: Marion Ignoffo, Bill Urquhart

Members Absent: Kevin Collins

Staff Present: Community Service Officer K. Poirier, Recording Secretary I. Feiereisel

Others Present:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

- I. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. There was a quorum.
- II. Approve Minutes** – Commissioner Ignoffo made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Urquhart seconded. The motion passed.

III. Action Items

1. Review Case #17-00801

This case was continued from the 4/24/17 meeting. The victim was notified of the continuation, but notified recording Secretary I. Feiereisel she was unable to attend. The following persons indicated their presence: offending dog owner Ms. Carole Saliture. Commissioner Ignoffo recapped the incident. Ms. Saliture reiterated she no longer brings the dog to the shop.

Commissioner Ignoffo suggested socialization for the dog and described the animal commission process for cases. Commissioner Ignoffo made a motion to dismiss. Commissioner Urquhart seconded. Motion carried.

2. Review Case #17-01031

The following persons indicated their presence: Mr. Robert Rubino, owner of the victim dog of 1522 N. Good. Commissioner Urquhart asked if the offending dog was on a lease. Mr. Rubino responded and expressed concern stating he has seen other dogs unleashed up to four times, the offending dog not being one of them. Mr. Rubino stated he was not aware of the bite at first and his dog is recovering well. The offending dog's harness broke and he was unclear why the offending dog attacked.

The offending dog's owner was present at the April 24, 2017 meeting.

Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to dismiss. Commissioner Ignoffo seconded. Motion carried.

3. Review Case #17-01137

The following persons indicated their presence: offending dog owner Thomas Fisher owner and the victim dog, owner Andrea Bialkowski. Ms. Bialkowski recapped the offending dog ran out and bit her dog, stating that her dog was thrown down by the other dog. Mr. Fisher pulled the dogs apart. She took her dog to the vet and she was treated for a six inch bite to the stomach. She described the incident as traumatic and will not walk the dog alone any longer.

Offending dog owner, Thomas Fisher provided his recap, stating they have had no prior incidents with his 7 year old dog. He was shocked that this had happened. At the time of the incident the front door had been left open, his daughter was on the steps, and did not see the other dog. His dog saw the other dog and ran out.

Commissioner Urquhart inquired if the offending dog had obedience training and socialization. Mr. Fisher responded no training, but was socialized.

Commissioner Ignoffo explained the at risk category and dangerous dog categories and the related requirements. Discussion ensued regarding the offending dog's age, and disposition. She recapped although the dog is 7 years old with no prior incidents, the attack was described by the victim's owner as very serious, and the dog inflicted serious injury.

Commissioner Ignoffo made a motion to deem the offending dog at risk. Commissioner Urquhart seconded.

Commissioner Ignoffo explained the requirements and the process for the at risk dog category.

4. Review Case #17-01242

The following persons indicated their presence: victim, Donna Ray. Ms. Ray recapped that she was walking to Walgreens, and as she walked by the RedBox, the dog bit her on the hip. The dog was on a leash and was unprovoked. The owner's brother was walking the dog.

I. Feiereisel stated the owner contacted her late on Friday, May 19th and was unable to attend this meeting. Commissioners agreed that this case will be continued for the next animal commission meeting in order for the owner to be present.

IV. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

Discussion related to updates to the ordinance will continue.

I. Feiereisel and K. Poierer will draft a spreadsheet to list and track animal commission case history and general information. Commissioner Ignoffo stated she would help with entering historical data.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.