

# **DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes of May 12, 2021**

### I. Roll Call

- a. Members attending: Bonnie Donahue, Kim Adams, Russ Barret, Simon Pearish
- b. Also in attendance: Jeff Schulz (town manager), Peter Milne and company (Boy Scouts of America)

### II. Set/Adjust Agenda

### III. Discussion

- a. Meadow marking (on site)
  - i. Peter Milne was given permission to install permanent markers to delineate the areas of the park designated as meadow (require mowing once every three years) into three separate sections.
    - 1. Sections will be mowed on a rolling schedule, one section per year.
    - 2. Markers made of a concrete cylinder the size of a 1 liter bottle. Have the Northfield logo embedded in the top.
  - ii. Peter and Simon created a “rough draft” of where the markers would be placed prior to the meeting. Committee member and Town Manager Schulz suggested adjustments as necessary.
  - iii. Installation of markers planned for weekend of May 29 with the supervision of a committee member.

- b. Path weeding techniques
  - i. The hardpack gravel paths throughout the park are being inundated with weeds. The committee is developing a strategy for weed control.
  - ii. A flame weeder was tested for effectiveness on most of the paths. Flame weeding was effective for controlling large weeds.
  - iii. A homemade herbicide was tested on a small patch (North Dakota State University Extension, <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/cpr/weeds/homemade-herbicide-08-28-14>). The homemade herbicide was effective for controlling small weeds.
  - iv. The committee will continue to use the homemade herbicide regularly and bring in the flame weeder as needed to control larger weeds.
- c. Benches
  - i. Tabled
- d. Irene Event
  - i. Tabled
- IV. Public Participation (unscheduled)
- V. Adjournment