

**Animal Control Board
Thursday, December 10, 2015
Animal Rescue League**

Members Attending: R. Rosato, H. Brown, L. Smith
Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer, L. McCauley

Ms. McCauley called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

A quorum was present.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

Election of Officers

Ms. McCauley recommended the following slate of officers:

- President – Richard Rosato
- Vice President – Harry Brown
- Secretary – Lynn Smith

Mr. Rosato moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, to elect the slate of officers as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Straub arrived at this time. He apologized for being late and stated that he was stuck in traffic. He expressed the belief that the meeting should be held in the City.

Ms. McCauley updated Mr. Straub on the election of officers. Mr. Straub voiced support of the slate as elected.

Approval of Minutes

The July 9, 2015 and the October 8, 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion was made by Mr. Straub, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control Agency Report

Ms. McCauley stated that she did not have a formal written report.

Mr. Brown noted that problems with dogs are increasing the City. He stated that the major complaints are with barking and dogs being left outside all the time.

Mr. Straub stated that neighbors become frustrated with constant barking. Mr. Brown noted his sympathy but stated that police enforce noise issues.

Mr. Straub agreed and stated that he has had a good response from police when he has called them.

Mr. Brown stated that problems are similar in other municipalities and not just in the City.

Ms. McCauley stated that monitoring Facebook has become exhausting and very time consuming. She expressed the belief that Berks Dog Search is very helpful. She expressed the belief that the large amount of missing dogs points to theft or people not returning dogs to their owners when they are found. She stated that she works closely with Berks Dog Search to return dogs to their owners if they are turned over to the Animal Rescue League.

Mr. Straub questioned if there were any upcoming clinics. Ms. McCauley stated that they will be returning in January. She stated that the clinics are for housecats only since Fairchild does feral cats.

Mr. Straub expressed the belief that the clinics will make a big difference. He praised trap, neuter, release programs for feral cats.

Mr. Brown stated that there is a large feral cat colony near Centre Ave who has a caregiver. He stated that the caregiver has had all the feral cats chipped for identification.

2016 Meeting Schedule

Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of July and December at 5:30 pm in the Penn Room.

Mr. Rosato suggested that if special meetings are necessary that consideration be given to holding them at the Animal Rescue League.

Membership

Ms. McCauley stated that Dr. Crawford is moving forward for appointment and that Mr. Manella should begin the appointment process shortly. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that Mr. Manella is in the background phase.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 7 at 5:30 pm in the Penn Room of City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

*Respectfully submitted
Shelly Katzenmoyer
Deputy City Clerk*