

**Amberley Village Council  
Public Buildings & Parks Committee – Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2019**

Present: Peg Conway (chair), Ray Warren (committee), Ed Hattenbach (committee), Elida Kamine, Tom Muething, Lt. Brian Blum, Scot Lahrmer, Natalie Wolf, Jim Hull (resident)

Prior Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting on May 6, 2019, were accepted as submitted.

Dogs under Control at Amberley Green

Staff and Council members have been receiving complaints about the number and behavior of loose dogs at Amberley Green. Administration recently began communication efforts to clarify what “dog under control” entails, to encourage people to more closely supervise their dogs at Amberley Green. After an article on the subject appeared in the recent print newsletter, two residents addressed Council at the May meeting to express concerns about the present situation and advocate for a leash law, and the issue was referred to this committee.

Lt. Blum stated that the present ordinances do not provide enough specifics for police to enforce. In addition, most people who call to report incidents do so well after the fact, which prevents any kind of follow-up. He noted that a leash law would address the former but would have the same challenges of reporting and timing as the latter.

A wide-ranging discussion among those present acknowledged the current issues with numerous dogs on the property, the general public’s perception of the property as a park or an open dog park when the Village does not regard it as such, the possible ramifications and need to implement changes if/when the JCC’s proposed development occurs at Amberley Green, the deep appreciation of open space for dogs by present users of Amberley Green, the future possibility of a designated dog park on the property, and the potential for a leash law to change dog owners’ behavior as well as the difficulties of enforcing a leash law should it be enacted.

In conclusion, the Committee’s consensus was two-fold: 1) To encourage Administration to proceed with communication/education efforts about controlling dogs, with signage, handouts, and through social media, as a priority matter. 2) To look at sample leash ordinances and continue discussing this possibility in future committee meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by: Peg Conway, Chair