

## NOTES REGARDING OFF LEASH AREA, ROLLINGWOOD PARK

MANY OF THESE NOTES REPRESENT MY THOUGHTS ONLY. DH

### LOCATION

1. BEST LOCATION WOULD BE NORTH OF FIELDS 3/4/5
2. COVERING THE ENTIRE AREA CURRENTLY USED FOR PARKING
3. TAKING UP PART OF THE NORTH END OF FIELDS 3/4/5
4. COULD EXTEND NORTH TO THE CURRENT SECTION OF THE TRAIL, UP TO THE EDGE OF THE DROP OFF. WOULD REQUIRE REROUTING THE TRAIL TO THE NORTH OF THE NEW OFF LEASH AREA.
5. COULD EXTEND EAST TOWARDS THE DROP OFF.
6. THE IDEA IS TO MAXIMIZE THE AVAILABLE SPACE ON NORTH END OF THE PARK

### SIZE

1. MINIMUM SIZE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY .60 ACRES. (~23,000) SQ FT.
2. GIVEN THE REGULAR USAGE BY BOTH PEOPLE AND THEIR PETS, THE OFF LEASH AREA SHOULD BE MADE AS LARGE AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT ADDING UNDUE COST AND WITHOUT REMOVING TOO MUCH SQUARE FOOTAGE FROM FIELDS 3/4/5.
3. THE EXTENT OF THE OVERLAP WITH CURRENT FIELDS 3/4/5 WOULD NEED TO BE DISCUSSED WITH GIRLS SOFTBALL (FIELD 3) AND T-BALL (FIELDS 4/5)
4. THIS AREA WOULD BE SET UP WITH MANY HUMAN AMENITIES, INCLUDING LANDSCAPE FEATURES SUCH AS LARGE ROCKS, TREES, PLANT BEDS, AND SHADED SITTING AREAS, ALL OF WHICH TAKE UP SOME SPACE.
5. MAXIMIZING THE DEDICATED SPACE WOULD REDUCE HUMAN EXPOSURE TO RESIDUAL PET WASTE
6. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS A VIABLE AND ATTRACTIVE ADDITION TO THE PARK GROUNDS THAT NEEDS TO BE A COMFORTABLE SCALE FOR BOTH THE HUMAN AND PET VISITORS.

### SHAPE

1. THE NORTH EXTENT WOULD BE CURVED TO FOLLOW THE GENERAL CURVE OF THE FLAT GROUND ON THE NORTH END OF THE PARK, EXTENDING BEYOND THE CURRENT TRAIL TO THE EDGE NEAR THE DROP OFF.
2. RATHER THAN FOLLOW THE CURRENT NORTH FENCE ON FIELDS 3/4/5, THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE NEW BOUNDARY OF THE OFF LEASH AREA SHOULD BE FURTHER SOUTH ON THE EAST END, ENABLING EASIER ACCESS TO THE AREA FROM THE PARKING LOT.

### FENCING

1. ENTIRE AREA SHOULD NEED TO BE FENCED. CHAIN LINK FENCE, PAINTED BLACK WOULD BE PREFERABLE.
2. SOME FENCING FROM THE BALL FIELDS COULD BE REUSED FOR THE OFF LEASH AREA.

### ACCESS

1. GATES AT EASTERN END AND WESTERN END. THE EAST GATE COULD BE SET UP WITH A SMALL DOUBLE GATED HOLDING AREA, MUCH LIKE IS CURRENTLY ON SOUTHEAST CORNER OF FIELDS 3/4/5
2. HARDENED SURFACE JUST INSIDE THE GATES TO PREVENT WEAR TO SURFACE, POSSIBLY DG WITH A BORDER

3. PIN NUMBER ACCESS CONTROL HAS BEEN DISCUSSED, THOUGHT NOT IN DEPTH

#### LANDSCAPE FEATURES

1. GENERALLY FOLLOWING THE DESIGN ELEMENTS UTILIZED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE FIELD HOUSE AS WELL AS THE ADJACENT PLAYScape AREA. MOST LANDSCAPE FEATURES WOULD BE AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE OFF LEASH AREA.
2. WOULD INCLUDE SHADE TREES AND SHADED AREAS, PLANT BEDS, LARGE BOULDERS FORMING SEATING, AND PERHAPS A BENCH OR TWO.
3. AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION WOULD BE SET UP FOR THE TREES AND SHRUBS

#### SURFACE

1. ANY SURFACE MATERIAL CHOSEN WOULD REQUIRE A SUBSTRATE THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE CONDITIONS NEEDED FOR DRAINAGE, SUPPORT OF ROOT SYSTEMS, SURVIVAL AND SAFETY TO BOTH PETS AND PEOPLE
2. THE UNDERLYING SURFACE WOULD NEED ENOUGH DRAINAGE SLOPE THAT RAINWATER WOULD MOVE THROUGH IT, RATHER THAN POOL, DAMAGING SURFACE AND CREATING MUD
3. VARIOUS MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:
  - a. NATURAL GRASS, WHILE INEXPENSIVE REQUIRES IRRIGATION, CAN BE DAMAGED BY DOGS RUNNING ON IT, AND CAN BE DAMAGED BY PET WASTES. FESCUE, BERMUDA, AND ZOYSIA HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AS A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR DOG RUNS. NATURAL GRASS HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING READILY REPAIRABLE, BY REPLACING AREAS THAT ARE WORN.
  - b. ARTIFICIAL TURF, WHILE MORE DURABLE THAN NATURAL GRASS AND NOT REQUIRING IRRIGATION, CAN BECOME HOT, KNOWN TO OFF GAS FUMES, AND IS LESS ATTRACTIVE THAN NATURAL GRASS.
  - c. PEA GRAVEL. DURABLE, FAIRLY GOOD LOOKING, WILL GET HOT IN HOT WEATHER. CAN GET STUCK IN PADS ON DOGS FEET.
  - d. F5, CRUSHED LIMESTONE, SIMILAR TO PEA GRAVEL, THOUGH ABLE TO SET UP OVER TIME MUCH LIKE ROAD BASE.
  - e. DECOMPOSED GRANITE, DURABLE, GOOD LOOKING, EASILY CLEANED. DRAINS REASONABLY WELL; HOWEVER, CAN BECOME SOFT WHEN WET, CAN STORE SOME URINE, AND CAN GET HOT, THOUGH LESS SO THAN PEA GRAVEL
  - f. CONCRETE, VERY DURABLE, EASILY CLEANED, GETS HOT, ABRASIVE TO DOG FEET.
  - g. HARDWOOD MULCH. STAYS COOL, WOULD ABSORB URINE TO SOME EXTENT. ATTRACTIVE

#### AMENITIES FOR PETS

1. WATERING STATION, SIMILAR TO THOSE CURRENTLY NEAR FIELDS 3/4/5
2. WASTE BAG DISPENSERS AND WASTE RECEPTACLES
3. SHADED AREAS

#### AMENITIES FOR HUMANS

1. SHADY SITTING AREAS
2. WATER FOUNTAIN
3. HOSE SPIGOT AND HOSE, CAN CONNECT TO IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR PLANTS AND TREES, TO BE USED TO SPOT WATER PLANTS THAT STRUGGLE AND OCCASIONAL CLEANUP JOBS.

4. 120 VOLT ELECTRIC SUPPLY, AT LEAST OUTLETS, WEATHERPROOF
5. AMPLE SEATING AND SHADE.

#### SIGNAGE

1. SIGNS MUST CLEARLY STATE THE RULES FOR THE USE OF THE OFF LEASH AREA
2. SIGNS MUST BE LOCATED AT EACH ENTRANCE
3. DETAIL OF INFORMATION ON SIGNS TO BE DETERMINED.

#### MAINTENANCE

1. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE, MOWING, TRIMMING, REPAIRS, WOULD LIKELY BE HANDLED BY CITY PUBLIC WORKS
2. ANYTHING ABOVE AND BEYOND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THE USERS OF THE OFF LEASH AREA, AND INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS DESIRED BY USERS OF THE AREA.
3. POSSIBLY A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE PARK COMMISSION COULD BE CREATED TO MONITOR AND ALERT PUBLIC WORKS ABOUT NEEDED ATTENTION AT THE AREA.

PRELIMINARY DRAWING SHOWN JUST DISCUSSION.



