

**APPROVED BY**

Erin MacDonald



**Lakewood Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board**

April 23rd, 2025 Meeting

Location: East Conference Room

**Present:** Board Members: Erin MacDonald, Emily Christescu, Scott MacDonald, Juleen Russell, Phyllis Dykes, ACO Gary Crumley, Councilperson Cindy Marx

**Not present:** Nancy McDonnell, Emily Petro, Nancy Binder, Kate Coghlan

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**Minutes Wednesday April 23rd, 2025**

- I. Welcome and roll call conducted by Board chair MacDonald. 5 voting members present.
- II. Approval of March Meeting Minutes - Board
  - a. Unanimous verbal vote in favor of motion to waive formal reading of the minutes. No discussion on minutes as presented. Motion passes to approve the minutes.
- III. Lakewood Animal Control Update
  - a. ACO Crumley distributes a printed report. He mentions complaints about deer, but no other trends. There are currently 3 cats at the shelter. ACO Crumley explains the need for fosters. Pepper the cat still has an upper respiratory infection that may have turned into shelter stress. She hasn't been placed on the shelter floor because of her illness. The department is still interviewing for another Animal Control Officer. The new shelter is coming along and nearing completion.
  - b. Dog-at-large policy / penalty recommendation - Board Chair explains to the board that she sent a list of what we want to achieve with the recommendation to Jennifer Swallow and is waiting to hear back. Ms. Swallow will be able to clarify what we want and then councilperson Marx can present to council.
  - c. Immobilization equipment recommendation - Board Chair distributes the edited version of the document that will be sent to the Police Chief. The board agrees to submit this version to Chief Fischer with ACO Crumley copied.
  - d. TNR policy discussion - the last Public Safety Committee meeting went well and the law dept drafted something that covered what we were asking for, taking all of our suggestions and putting it into law. Board Chair MacDonald explains that we can review that as a board and discuss the document from the law department at our next meeting.

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V. CCLAS Update

- a. Secretary Dykes mentions the absence of a President and the board looking at how to manage the duties. They are looking forward to events like the Arts Fest to raise funds and connect with the public.

VI. Committees & Initiatives

- a. Wildlife
- b. Ordinances/Admin
- c. Community Events
  - i. LCSC Pet Food Drive - Saturday April 26th from 10 am to 2 pm. Juleen, Phyllis and Bob, Erin and Scott, and Emily can assist. Nancy McDonnell offered a table, chairs and tent. ACO Crumley will come early to help with setup. Scott will leave his truck for loading. The new Lakewood Community Services Center location is 12815 Elmwood Avenue in Cleveland. The Pet Supplies Plus manager offered to collect donations to assist LCSC for one week. Board Chair MacDonald mentions this would be a nice option for the fall around Thanksgiving if we don't hold another food drive. 250 families/households are in need. Board Member Russell will have a cash donation box, we will collect food items, and online donations will be available on the LCSC website.
- d. Spay/Neuter
  - i. PetFix Event - the last event was held April 15th and went well. The board discusses that 500 cats have been spayed and neutered and how much work Board Member Binder has put into the event.

VII. Communications – Social Media Posts / Articles

VIII. Public Comment

Motion is made to adjourn; motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.