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Lakewood Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board
July 16th, 2025 Meeting
Location: East Conference Room

Present: Board Members: Nancy McDonnell, Emily Christescu, Nancy Binder, Phyllis Dykes, Julia Garleb, ACO Gary Crumley

Not present: Stacey Zigman, Emily Petro, Kate Coghlan, Juleen Russell, Councilperson Marx

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Minutes Wednesday July 16th, 2025

- I. Welcome and roll call conducted by Board Secretary Christescu. 5 voting members present.
 - a. The board welcomes new member Julia Garleb, appointed by Councilperson Steiner. New member Stacey Zigman, appointed by Mayor George, was not in attendance.
- II. Approval of May 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 - Supervisor Gary Crumley
 - a. ACO Crumley distributes a printed report. Officer Crumley explains that an abandoned dog is up for adoption along with 1 kitten. There are 3 kittens to be spayed/neutered next week. The elderly, thin cat named Paw Paw has hyperthyroidism and may have a foster to help with his medication. He notes that more kittens than cats are coming into the shelter. He will attend a meeting tomorrow at 1 pm about the new shelter and explains that the deadline for the work to be completed (contractually) is August. He explains that a conditional offer was accepted for a new ACO. Officer Crumley plans to attend the Immobilization training during the last weekend of August.
- IV. TNR Ordinance Update
 - a. LASWAB and The Public Safety Committee held a joint meeting on June 23rd. Board Members Binder and Christescu attended and provided a recap of the LASWAB recommendations, versus the document drafted by the law department. Public Safety Committee Chair Strebig requested updates from the law department.
 - b. Board Member Binder says there are some negotiations that may need to be worked out and there are sticking points on signatures/paperwork filled out for people doing TNR in other backyards. ACO Crumley says the city can help with tech support and Board Member Christescu reiterates that LASWAB would be willing to create whatever training to be hosted online 24/7.
- V. CCLAS Update
 - a. Board Member Christescu explains that CCLAS welcomed Julie Ferrara as a new Board Member. Board Member Phyllis Dykes resigned from CCLAS.

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(They are planning for the Arts Fest on August 2nd and working with volunteers for donations and staffing the event.

VI. Officer Election

- a. Board Member Christescu discusses the vacant Chair position and asks if there are any nominations for this role. Nancy Binder is nominated for the position; seconded. Motion passes to elect Nancy Binder as Chair.

VII. Committees & Initiatives

- a. Wildlife
- b. Ordinances/Admin
- c. Community Events - Board Member Russell
- d. Spay/Neuter - Board Member Binder explains that the funds are depleted at PetFix. She reports that Councilperson Steiner spoke to Board Member Binder about supporting the funds.

VIII. Communications – Social Media Posts / Articles

IX. Public Comment

Motion is made to adjourn; motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.