

Kellogg Dog Field open to public

ANDERSON TWP. — The Anderson Park District spent the summer clearing, grading, seeding and fencing about four acres of Kellogg Park at 6701 Kellogg Ave. for the opening of the Kellogg Dog Field Aug. 14.

The field is a wonderful combination of open space and tree groves complete with two sections: one for all-sized dogs and another designed for small pooches. In addition, a gated transfer paddock has been erected and a pavestone walkway put in place thanks to four individual Eagle Scout projects.

Although open, the dog field is still a work in progress. While water is available at a drinking fountain to the right of the walkway leading to the field, another water station is planned for closer to the field entrance. Other upcoming amenities include park benches and more.

The Kellogg Dog Field has come about due to the interest

and involvement of Anderson residents. Volunteers and dog owners have been working with the park district since the summer of 2003 to convert a section of parkland into an area for dogs.

Although there was no money in the park district's budget to build a dog area, the Board of Park Commissioners approved that park district funds be used to construct the dog field immediately, in an effort to open the facility as soon as possible, and that the committee would raise money to reimburse the park district.

It was also agreed that once the park was built, daily and annual permits would be sold to cover remaining capital expenses and maintenance costs. This decision was based primarily on the Dog Field Committee's accomplishments and the commitment the volunteer members have shown toward securing the funding needed to establish and maintain the facility.

A permit is required for admission to the field. Daily permit forms are available at the field's entrance for \$5. Annual permits forms are available at the field's entrance as well. The annual permits will be good through December 2005.

To apply for the annual form, visit www.andersonparks.com/dogpark.html#hours to print the dog field permit application form. Complete the form and sign the bottom of the Dog Field Rules that acknowledges you read the rules. Then, attach both pages to a copy of your dog's vaccination record.

The three papers can be returned to the park district in person at the Juifs Park office during regular office hours or by mail (address is listed on the permit form).

The cost of the permit is \$25 for Anderson resident dogs and \$40 for non-residents.