



## OVERVIEW OF THE SOUTH 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET DOG RUN

A community Dog Run is located at 4108 South 18<sup>th</sup> Street, near the northern edge of the Town of Wilson and the southern edge of the City of Sheboygan. It is open to the citizens of both communities and is jointly administered by the Wilson Park & Forestry Commission (P&FC) and the Sheboygan Department of Parks & Forestry (DP&F). The Dog Run area is located on a capped landfill, owned by the Town of Wilson. It is entirely within the Sheboygan City Limits and why the Dog Run is jointly administered by the two governmental units. The Sheboygan Police Department responds to and oversees safety issues within the Dog Run.

## DOG RUN RULES

Dog Run use rules are posted on the fence (large silver & black sign) to the right of the double-gated entrance and just inside the double-gate, on the right, on an even larger blue and yellow sign. Both are labeled “Dog Exercise Area Rules.”

Dogs in the Dog Run must be collared and have an attached valid license and rabies vaccination tag. Dogs must be on a leash while outside the Dog Run and owners must carry the leash (one for each dog they bring) while the dogs are running in the facility. When off-leash, dogs must be “under voice command” at all times. If your dog does not respond to your commands, you must re-leash the dog, even while in the Dog Run facility. You are prohibited from bringing vicious dogs into the facility.

## ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Law enforcement for the Dog Run is provided by the City of Sheboygan, as the entire exercise area falls within the City limits. If you have any safety concerns with any rules violations, you can contact the Sheboygan County Public Safety Communications Center at (920) 459-3111.

. If you have trouble with a dog or its owner, and are comfortable talking it out, feel free to do so. If you are not comfortable approaching the dog or owner, consider leaving the exercise area. If you feel the situation merits intervention by law enforcement professionals, contact the City of Sheboygan Police Department. Because the exercise area falls within the City limits, the Town of Wilson does not have any jurisdiction for law enforcement.

## **LIMITATIONS ON MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS**

Due to the facility being located on a capped landfill, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) regulations govern several aspects of the Dog Run use. As a result, all decisions regarding the administration, maintenance, and improvements to the Dog Run must comply with the WDNR "Closure Plan." These regulations include, but are not limited to: the depth, composition, and condition of the cap soil, the type and depth of grasses planted to protect the soil, the frequency of mowing the grasses, the condition of the vents, and the absorption and flow of rainfall and snowmelt. Most of the Dog Run is comprised of the landfill cap.

The landfill cap may not be penetrated to erect fencing or buildings. The pond area near the west edge of the Dog Run may not be filled nor drained because they constitute part of the site drainage plan. This prevents the Town from constructing a fenced off area for smaller dogs and fencing off the pond area to prevent dogs from entering.

The Closure Plan states the landfill must be mowed twice annually, a task done by the Wilson Maintenance Department. If grass growth conditions warrant, additional mowing is performed. Grass depth can vary and is not to exceed 20". Shorter grass can usually be found on the northern edge of the Dog Run.

The DP&F has provided the "port-a-potty," tables and benches, and trash receptacles. Patrons have supplied the plastic "milk" jugs and bowls for water for the dogs who visit the Dog Run.

If you have any additional questions or comments relating to the dog park you can call the Town office at 920-2082390 Monday through Thursday between 8:00 and 4:30.