

# Twining Valley Dog Park Update & Frequently Asked Questions Revised 8/17/22

UDP&R has been receiving regular inquiries about Twining Valley Dog Park. We are thrilled with the excitement and support of this new facility. In order to better serve those interested, many of the frequently asked questions can be found below.

# When will the Twining Valley Dog Park open?

The Twining Valley Dog Park is opened on Saturday, November 20, 2021. There are still some outstanding items that need to be completed including installation of the electronic access system and benches, but the general public may use the enclosures.

### How large is the Twining Valley Dog Park?

Twining Valley Dog Park is nearly 4.7 acres spread between 3 separate enclosures. At Twining Valley Dog Park, the small dog (under 25lbs) area is .9 acres, the medium dog (26lbs to 49lbs) area is 1.75 acres and large dog (50lbs+) area is 2 acres. For comparison's sake, the current dog park, Mondaug Bark Park, is a total of 1 acre in size (.75 acre for large dogs and .25 acre for small dogs).

### Where should I park to use the Twining Valley Dog Park?

The primary parking area for Twining Valley Dog Park visitors is in the 52-car parking lot adjacent to the dog park. The address for the parking lot is 1487 Twining Road, Dresher. Additionally, visitors may also park in the main park parking lot by the former clubhouse at 1400 Twining Road, Dresher and use the tunnel that connects the two sides. Dogs must be leashed until after entering the transition corral.

## Will the existing dog park, Mondaug Bark Park, be closed?

At this time, UDP&R anticipates closing the existing dog park, Mondaug Bark Park located at 1130 Camphill Road, Fort Washington, in March 2023 for maintenance purposes. Work will include improving site drainage, re-establishing grass and planting trees. The entry gates will also be equipped with the same electronic access system being installed at the Twining Valley Dog Park.

# Other than within the enclosures, what other parts of Twining Valley Park are accessible for dogs with their owners?

At this time, <u>leashed</u> dogs can be walked on the dog park/18-acre side of Twining Valley Park outside of the enclosures. <u>Leashed</u> dogs and their owners are also permitted to utilize the other side of the park (87-acre side).

#### Will a membership or fee be required to access the Twining Valley Dog Park?

Membership is not required at this time, but will be at a future date. Future access to the Twining Valley Dog Park will be membership-based and restricted with an electronic access system. Members will be issued a fob to gain access to the enclosures. In order to educate visitors on the rules of the dog park and about etiquette related to safely using the facility, an online orientation will be required to be completed. Proof of current vaccinations will be required as part of the registration process.

Membership for Upper Dublin Township residents will be free, but residents will be required to provide a \$5 security deposit for the access fob. Non-Upper Dublin residents will be required to pay an annual membership fee of \$50. Commercial users (dog walkers/dog sitters) will be required to pay an annual membership fee of \$200.

Once re-opened, the same electronic access system will apply to Mondaug Bark Park. Membership will provide access to both facilities.

# How can I register for a Twining Valley Dog Park membership?

Membership registration information will be publicized on the Township website, social media, email and on the bulletin board at Mondaug Bark Park prior to it being required.

# How will the Township prevent non-members from entering the enclosures at the Twining Valley Dog Park?

The implementation of the electronic access system should prevent the majority of non-members from entering the enclosures. Members found to be holding gates open so non-members can enter and/or members escorting non-members into the enclosures could face a suspension of their membership.

#### Will guests (referring to other dogs) of dog park members be permitted?

At this time, guests will not be permitted. There are no plans for a one-day guest pass at this time.

#### Are there plans for additional trees, shelters and other amenities in the enclosures?

Benches will be added in the near future. As part of the proposed Phase 2 work at Twining Valley Park, shelters are planned for each of the enclosures. In addition to the shelters, trees will also be planted. Phase 2 work is all subject to the availability of funding.

#### Will there be water available at Twining Valley Dog Park?

Water will not be available initially at Twining Valley Dog Park, but the Township is working on getting water to that part of the property.