



**KALAMAZOO COUNTY
ANIMAL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT
ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

I. **Call to Order by Chair**, Sue Brodasky at 7:11 PM

II. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Sue Brodasky, Daniel Gray, Joe Michinock, Debbie Wall, Aaron Winters

Absent: Kristin Goodchild, Chris Rohwer, Scott Thrasher, Roger Tuinier

Staff Absent: Steve Lawrence

Others: Kathy Michinock, Andrew Gray

III. **Review of Previous Meeting's Minutes:**

A motion was made by J. Michinock to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 11, 2015. Second by A. Winters. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

IV. **Citizen's Time:** Chair S. Brodasky opened the floor for citizen's time. No comment, issue or discussion was brought forward. Citizen's time was closed.

V. **New Business**

Chair's Report

S. Brodasky noted that she had been contacted by a member of the public regarding a case of hoarded cats. The individual expressed concerns over the participation of Animal Services and a local rescue group. Due to S. Lawrence's absence the topic was tabled.

Director's Report

No report.

Kalamazoo Humane Society Report

Statistics: A. Winters reported that the KHS performed 3,267 spay/neuter surgeries in 2015. Of those, 1,320 were high impact surgeries (feral cats, pit bulls, puppies/kittens and female cats). In addition to the spay/neuter program A. Winters stated that KHS distributed 16,733 pounds of pet food and kitty litter to 617 Emergency Pet Food Bank clients.

Animal Care & Resource Center: A. Winters indicated that the KHS was very much committed to finding a location for an Animal Care & Resource Center. A. Winters reported that the KHS was pursuing two land parcels for the project. A 23 acre land parcel located in Portage and another in Comstock Township not far from the County Animal Services shelter. However, A. Winters expects KHS to close on the Comstock Township property in the near future. A. Winters give an update on the current status of the collaborative project between the KHS and KCASE. The County has expressed dissolving the partnership toward one facility. A. Winters was optimistic that the County would replace the current shelter but was unsure if the collaborative would remain intact.

Save Our Strays (SOS)

S. Brodasky reported that S.O.S. sponsored several adoption events during the year. A total of 35 pets were adopted in 2014 as a direct result of the offsite events. Some adopters who later visited the shelter looking for a pet they'd seen at an adoption event ended up adopting a different animal when the one they were looking for was already adopted. S. Brodasky reported that the KHS would soon be providing the S.O. S. with a professional lighting system to enhance the quality of photographs taken by volunteers.

VI. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Aaron Winters, seconded by Joe Michinock and carried. Chair Brodasky adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.