

9/11/23

Mr David Arndt, Jr.
Township Manager, Township of Conewago
541 Oxford, Ave
Hanover, Pa 17331

Dear Mr Arndt,

Last Fall the Keystone Retriever Club was granted permission to use a section of the Conewago Township recreational park formerly known as the Deverer Airport for a dog training session for our Club. We are a non-profit organization affiliated with the American Kennel Club - AKC. We train canine retrieving breeds like Labradors, Golden Retrievers and Chesapeake Retrievers to compete in the AKC sanctioned sports of Hunt Tests and Field Trials and some of our members are also avid waterfowl hunters as well. Part of our mission is to introduce newcomers to the sport and to show them how to train their dogs.

On behalf of the Club, I am requesting the use of some areas of the recreational park for the purpose of holding a training session on either Sunday Oct 22, 2023 from about 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.

In order for the Township Board to make a decision I am listing details of our event as follows:

- We normally have about 15 to 30 members and their dogs who attend a typical training session. Normally that means about 35 to 38 dogs.
- For this event we anticipate setting up teaching drills in the fields. Each dog remains in their owner's vehicle until it is time for them to run through the drill. One dog and their handler would be doing one drill at a time. Each dog is under the control of their handler at all times, or in their vehicles, and we do not allow dogs to run free uncontrolled.
- I would request of each owner to pick-up dog waste after their dog and carry it out with them.
- We will not be discharging any live firearms or any dry-fire (blanks) equipment.
- We use whistle and voice commands to train the dogs so those noises are audible. The dogs do get excited so there may be some barking but usually surprisingly minimal.
- We will not use the soccer and lacrosse fields currently established and stay in the areas that we are allowed to use.
- We would restrict parking to paved parking lots and established stone drives next to the fields we are allowed to use, and restrict members from driving through open fields or leaving ruts in the grass areas.
- If there is heavy, continuous rain predicted for the day, we will cancel our event.
- We will "police" the area before we leave and not leave any trash behind.
- If you have a printed list of your regulations for use of the park (like the one that used to be posted on the property) I will distribute copies to each of our participants prior to the event.

If there are any questions that you and the Township supervisors may have that I have not covered, I will be happy to address them. Thank you for reviewing our request.

Sincerely,

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