



Request to Manitowoc Parks Committee By:

Discover Eastern Wisconsin Disc Golf

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Hello ,

I request that Discover Eastern Wisconsin Disc Golf lead an initiative to allow dogs under the control of their owner (on leash) at our disc golf parks in the city of Manitowoc. As noted in the attached Wisconsin Parks survey, many parks in Wisconsin currently allow dogs under control without issue. This request is not to allow dogs to run, only to walk along with and enjoy the parks under the direct supervision of their owner. We have a business sponsor, Pet Global Sourcing, LLC, that has offered to supply bags to pick up after the dogs and disc golf volunteers are already moving the garbage cans to pick up locations at both Silver Creek and Indian Creek Parks.

Both parks are suitable for the silent sport of dog walking and would be proactive in providing yet another use of our parks. Indian Creek Park currently allows dogs off leash in an unfenced area adjacent to the disc golf park and has not created an issue for disc golfers or other park users. With the new foot bridge near the dog run, dog owners have requested to walk their dogs on the other side of the creek. At Silver Creek Park, the Lake Michigan access, wooded hiking trails and expansive walking available on the 27 disc golf fairways offer an uncrowded area for dog walkers, hikers and disc golfers to share the park.

By allowing dogs on leash, we further control the problem of dogs off leash in all of our city parks by offering an enjoyable alternative for dog lovers to enjoy nature in our parks with their four legged friends. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

James E. Van Lanen Jr.

Discover Eastern Wisconsin Disc Golf

Secretary / Treasurer