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Thank you to everyone for your continued patience as we work through technology issues so that we can provide you with the most up to date information on the Soldan's dog park and happenings with the Friends group. Thank you SO much to Dee King, Ellen Sullivan and Linda for your dedication and commitment to figuring out the website.

As you know, there have been a few changes at the park, and there will be some more changes in 2011. The recently added four foot fence was constructed by the City of Lansing to prevent erosion around the drainage pipe. While it is not appealing to look at, we are told that it was necessary to address the rapidly eroding shoreline around the system. The much anticipated pass system is on track, but will not be in place before the first of the year. There are few administrative and logistical issues that need to be addressed.

And here's where you can be most helpful! Please share with us what you think we should address with the city and county as this new pass system is administered. We have heard from a number of people about multiple passes for a single family, multiple dog families, visitor passes, what happens when you lose your pass, how do you appeal a decision if your pass has been revoked, student rates, etc. We have received a broad range of input, but want to make sure that your concerns are being addressed right from the beginning!

Please know that before the system goes "online" there will be a Q&A that will describe some of these questions . . . and some issues we will address as they arise. We do not have an exact timeline for the implementation of the system, but we expect that it will be some time after the first of the year.

As always, we know that there are many people that use the Soldan's dog park, and we continue to be grateful to the Soldan family for their generous contribution to one of the things that makes Lansing great. We will be in need of board members for next year, and continued involvement from people that would like to see the dog park remain a jewel. There is a meeting next Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be at Foster Community Center in Lansing. We would love to see you there.

Thanks

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