

Lucky Dog Park gets final OK from city

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Lucky Dog Park in Port Washington is expected to open early this summer in the city's industrial park.

The Common Council on Tuesday unanimously approved a conditional-use permit for Ellen and Bob Paulus to operate the one-acre park at 1270 Mineral Springs Dr.

The couple said they have had numerous people contact them about getting memberships to the park — including one woman who is determined to get the first membership, even though she doesn't yet have a dog.

"She said she's getting a puppy," Ellen Paulus said.

The couple said they plan to offer annual, monthly and daily passes, as well as a 10-use card, for the park, which they will operate outside their printing shop. They will have separate areas for small and large dogs and items such as tennis balls, flying disks, beginner agility equipment and wading pools will be available.

Before a dog could use the park, it would be checked to ensure it has proper vaccinations and the right temperament to interact safely with others, Paulus said.

She and her husband would monitor the park at all times, she added. Eventually, she would like to add an indoor run for dogs to use in inclement weather, Paulus said.

That proposal, she told aldermen, has generated a lot of interest from dog owners.

"We've had a huge response from people who said they would come to run their dog in winter," she said.

Mayor Tom Mlada added that he has also heard a lot of interest in the indoor arena.

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"I think it would be a very, very unique and big draw," he said.

Lucky Dog Park is expected to be open from noon to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, although in winter it will close by 5 p.m.