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**Twin Brook Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2006
Council Chambers @7:00 P.M.**

Present: John Andrews, Anne Witte, Alan Kissack, Peter Gordon and Glenn Hutchins .

Absent: John Eldredge, John Stroud, Jeff Porter, Stephanie Fowler-Enaire and Stephen Moriarty.

Staff: Recreation Director Bill Landis.

I. Pine Tree Council – Tony Bessey, John Trott and Jim Thomas.

Tony Bessy of the Pine Tree Council was present to submit a request to the committee to hold their annual Klondike Derby at the Twin Brook facility on the first Saturday in February 2007. This event has typically been held at the Camp Heinz facility but in the interest of keeping the participants interested, year after year, a change of location would be desirable. The number of participants is usually 200. The group would need parking for approximately 150 cars, an area for port-a-potties and warming tents. This year's theme is CSI: Alaska. The derby consists of various stations which the scouts move to and from on sleds (if there is snow). The duration of the derby is from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The troops adhere to a leave no trace policy and typically leave a site in better condition than when they arrive. One of the stations would involve fire building, which, if allowed by the Town, would be done in no more than four metal containers/pits all located in the same area. The participants may also use camp stoves to cook their food during the day.

The committee members felt that the Greely Road side of the facility would be the most suitable location for the event. There was discussion of the sleds on the trails depending on the conditions at the time of the event. When asked by the committee what would prompt cancellation of the event, the Pine Tree Council representatives stated that the derby would be cancelled if there was heavy rain or a bad snow storm. Peter Gordon asked if this would interfere with the ski schedule. Bill Landis didn't see any conflict.

There was discussion regarding when the Pine Tree Council would need approval and whether the fire pits needed approval from the Town Council. The Pine Tree Council representatives stated that another station could be substituted if the fire pits were not allowed and that they would like to know soon if this needs to be done. If the station were to be allowed it was suggested that it be located in an area easily accessible by emergency equipment.

The committee suggested that signs be posted to let people know the derby is happening and the Town could send a notice to the abutters on the Greely Road side.

John Trott said that the Pine Council offers service projects when they use off site facilities for their events.

Glenn Hutchins made a motion to recommend that the Pine Tree Council hold their Klondike Derby at the Twin Brook Facility on the First Saturday in February 2007. Peter Gordon seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 5-0 in favor.

II. Parking Procedures at Twin Brook

Bill Landis reviewed the past events/tournaments that prompted this review of a parking policy by the committee. The last event had 3 police officers present but there were no attendants directing people to the available spaces. There was some discussion regarding bus parking at the events as well.

Peter Gordon asked whether the last event was sponsored by MSAD 51 or the Maine Principal's Association and felt that all events should require a permit because Twin Brook is a Town owned facility.

The committee reviewed an outline of preliminary procedures and agreed that a policy should be in place. A formalized draft would be presented at the next meeting.

III. Preliminary Shelter Sketch review

The committee reviewed the preliminary sketch of the shelter and had the following concerns:

- The building size was increased to 44'x84' from the original proposal of 40'x60' – what prompted the increase in size?
- The concession area seemed larger than it needed to be
- Did the girls' bathroom need changing areas?
- Bathrooms in general too large
- Cupola would add more height to building

There was discussion regarding whether the shelter would protect people from lightning and it was suggested that the committee talk with someone who has expertise in this area.

The committee also discussed the possibility of a basement area that would house the plumbing mechanisms, the irrigation back flow system (this would eliminate the small building near the rear field access road) and provide complete coverage from the elements. Bill Landis feared this area might end up being used for storage, preventing people from using it for shelter. Members also questioned when they would be able to consider design details (siding, roofing, and building materials, bathroom interior materials). The committee was interested in seeing elevation drawings of how the shelter would fit on the site.

IV. Other Business

None

V. Next meeting – December 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

- Lightning Concerns
- Parking Policy

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Stroud
Executive Secretary