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**Twin Brook Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2006
Twin Brook Recreation Area & Town Hall
6:00 P.M.**

Present: John Andrews, John Eldridge, Peter Gordon and John Stroud.

Absent: Anne Witte, Alan Kissack, Stephen Moriarty, Jeff Porter, Stephanie Fowler-Enaire, and Glenn Hutchins.

Staff: Town Manager Bill Shane and Recreation Director Bill Landis.

I. Site Walk at Twin Brook.

John Andrews, John Eldridge, John Stroud, Peter Gordon and Bill Landis were present at the Twin Brook Recreation Area to consider the locations of a possible multi-purpose field, shelter and maintenance building. Bill Landis had marked off possible areas with cones and also indicated the area used for cross-country running and skiing, so that the committee members might be able to visualize the size of a field and shelter and how the field and structure would impact the area. There was considerable discussion regarding the distance of the shelter from the edge of the field, the drainage area on the other side of the vegetated outcropping near the shelter, the height of the field in relation to the road/parking area and the contours of the existing field and how it could be sculpted to create a playing field and still retain a natural appearance.

II. Continued Improvements discussion

The group reconvened at the Town Hall at approximately 7:25 pm.

Town Manager, Bill Shane met with the Committee to continue discussions of the proposed location of the shelter, maintenance building and possible multi-purpose field. The Committee shared its frustration of trying to visualize something out in the field as opposed to on paper. Mr. Shane suggested that the proposed improvements could be staked out to show the varying heights of the field, parking lot and vehicles, as well as the areas around an "amphitheatre". He also suggested that the height of the road could be brought up to lessen the climb to the field.

The Committee members who were present at the meeting generally agreed that a shelter was needed at the facility and that the maintenance building should be located where the existing maintenance area is now, but discussed their reservations about creating another field. One of the arguments against it was that the original intent was to maintain the facility's natural state. Arguments in favor of a field were that it is currently being used as a practice field and it would draw visitors toward the second parking area

and relieve crowding at the first parking area by having both a shelter and a field there. The point was also raised that people would still see an open field with some contouring (the cross-country route).

Bill Shane restated, with urgency, the timeline for the project to be presented to the Council, hold public hearings and begin the Planning Board approval process as follows:

- Present recommendation to the Town Council at second meeting on July 24, 2006
- Hold Neighborhood meetings in August
- Submit Final Plan to Town Council in September
- Present to Planning Board in October
- Begin Construction in spring 07

Mr. Shane felt that as many members of the Committee as possible need to participate in the upcoming meetings in order to make their recommendation to the Council.

III. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting.

A quorum was not present therefore the minutes were not approved. They will be presented at the next meeting.

IV. Next meeting – The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Stroud
Executive Secretary