



**Twin Brook Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2007
Council Chambers @7:00 P.M.**

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

Others present: Tony Bessey, Boy Scouts Pine Tree Council, Joe DiDanato, Architect, John Kennedy, Sevee & Maher, Marty Peterson, abutters: Barney Hildreth and Joe Reynolds, Councilors Jeff Porter and Stephen Moriarty.

Staff: Recreation Director Bill Landis, Chris Logan and Town Manager, Bill Shane.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Steve Moriarty informed the committee members that Stephanie Enaire had resigned from her position on the committee. He had left a message with Kay Fowler regarding a replacement from the family but had not heard back yet.

II. Minutes acceptance

Motion by Glenn Hutchins, seconded by Alan Kissack to accept the 12-14-06 meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous Passage 7-0

III. Boy Scouts Klondike Derby

At the November 16, 2006 meeting the committee had voted to recommend approval of a request from the Boy Scouts to hold its Klondike Derby on the Greely Road side of the facility and to allow fire starting stations if approved by the Town Council. The original request was modified by a memo from the Boys Scouts stating that they would not have fire starting stations but instead would like to use cook stoves for food and a space heater in a warming tent. The Town Council sent the issue back to the committee for further review and recommendation this evening.

The committee discussed the Twin Brook Facility Use Policy restrictions and agreed that this occurrence was an exception which could be approved by the Town Council. The committee also discussed whether the policy should be amended so that they are not repeatedly granting exceptions. The consensus of the committee was that this occurrence was a special circumstance but the issue may be addressed at a later time.

Motion by Glenn Hutchins, seconded by Alan Kissack, to recommend approval of a request from the Boy Scouts Pine Tree Council to use cook stoves and a space heater at a scouting badge event on Saturday, February 3, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Twin Brook Recreation Area on the Greely Road side. (Exception to Item 11.i of the Twin Brook Policies and Rules)

VOTE: Unanimous Passage 7-0

IV. Presentation of updated information for shelter and maintenance building.

The committee reviewed the revised plan resulting from input from the last meeting. A mechanics room was added, the concession area was scaled down, one toilet in both the ladies' and men's bathroom was eliminated along with the changing area in the ladies room allowing for a decrease in the overall size of the structure to 30' x 60'. The pitch of the roof was reduced as well to allow for a reduced height of the building.

Bill Landis requested that the configuration of the doors for the concession and storage rooms be altered so that there would not be shared access to these rooms. There was discussion regarding the impact on the visual affect of the exterior if the doors were altered.

There was some discussion of the proposed exterior materials to be used on the building.

Lightning protection was a concern for members of the committee and questions relative to whether they were creating a worse situation by erecting a building were posed. The discussion then turned to whether the committee has determined if it wants the shelter in the field or in the woods.

In a show of hands whether to place the shelter in the field or in the woods, 6 members were in favor of the field and 1 member was in favor of the woods but stated that they would consider the field if the building was aesthetically fitting to the rural nature of the site.

Anne Witte presented a proposal for a barn style structure and a rendering of this type structure as it might look when approaching it from the access road. The proposal was greeted with general support.

The committee discussed the future public meetings that would take place once they were at a point to move forward with a formal proposal and speculated as to what the support or opposition would be. Jeff Porter cautioned that the committee may receive negative feedback, as has been the case in the past, so they would need to have a back up plan. There was further discussion regarding the changes in the Town since the property was originally purchased and how the committee would need to assess these changes to determine the future development of the property.

Bill Shane felt that the committee should meet with the full Council in a workshop to present what it had so far and receive an endorsement for the location. Then the committee could move forward with the design. Anne Witte requested a topographic map of the site for the workshop from John Kennedy who agreed to provide this.

V. Parking policy discussion

This item would be discussed at the next regular meeting (date to be determined).

VI. Next meeting – Workshop with Council Monday, January 29, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Stroud
Executive Assistant