

09 – 125 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on a recommendation from the Twin Brook Committee re: amendments to the Twin Brook Recreation Facility Use Policy.

Manager Shane turned the floor over to council liaison Moriarty who explained that a workshop was held earlier tonight and there are several amendments that he would offer tonight regarding the Twin Brook rules. Councilor Moriarty moved the amendments individually as follows:

Motion by Councilor Moriarty, second by Councilor Stiles, to amend paragraph 11 small letter i of the existing rules by deleting the current first paragraph and substituting in its place the following language, “except as provided below, the use of open flames, charcoal fires, cooking fires, candles or other incendiary devices is prohibited at the Twin Brook recreation area. However, the use of gas grills shall be permitted within a 50 foot radius of the Tuttle Road shelter building area. Councilor Stiles reiterated the amendment is to allow gas grills outside the Tuttle Road shelter building area.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Motion by Councilor Moriarty, second by Councilor Stiles, to amend paragraph 11 small letter m, by deleting the current first sentence, and substituting in its place the following: “Activities such as kiting, model rocket, and model airplane flying should take place in open pasture locations well away from any organized activities. The use of incendiary devices defined as, “any object or substance likely to cause fires, including explosives, fire crackers, fire works and sparklers is prohibited.”

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Motion by Councilor Moriarty, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to amend paragraph 11, small letter n, by deleting the current language and substituting the following, “picnicking is welcome while the facilities are open, and picnickers are responsible for picking up after themselves. Except as provided in sub paragraph i above, open fires, as well as heat sources for barbecuing or grilling are not permitted.”

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Motion by Councilor Moriarty, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to amend subparagraph 11 small letter o, to read as follows: “The facilities shall be open from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. from April 1 to October 31, annually, and from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from November 1 to March 31, annually. No night time use shall be permitted without the express written permission from the Cumberland Recreation Department.

VOTE: PASSAGE 5-1 (Councilor Porter opposed)

Motion by Councilor Moriarty, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to amend paragraph 11 small letter r, to delete what is there and add the following: “Evening events such as stargazing with approved area astronomy clubs shall be permitted up to four times per year with the express written permission from the Cumberland Recreation Department. Abutter notification shall be required including cancelation or rescheduling of the event.”

VOTE: 6 Unanimous 6-0