

Twin Brook Minutes March 8, 2016

Attendance:

Jackie Stowell
Mike Cooney
Anne Witte
Joe Loring
John Leavitt
Iwana Tarling
Christopher Bolduc – Staff
Laura Neleski – Staff
Don Stowell
Jeff Storey

6:30pm – Call to Order

Motion to accept the Minutes of November 10, 2015

Motion by John Leavitt
Seconded by Jackie Stowell
Vote: Unanimous

New Business

Council Priorities: Mr. Bolduc addressed the group to let them know that the Town Council was looking at the committees and seeing which direction they would like each committee to take in the future. Although nothing has been decided, the Council would be addressing the committee at some point in the future.

Ms. Witte suggested the group prioritize their goals in long term and short term plans.

Forestry: Mr. Bolduc announced that Jeff Storey was attending the meeting to speak to the Committee about a smaller scale forestry plan. Mr. Storey announced that he was interested in doing some harvesting in Twin Brook and that he had spoken to the Town Manager, Bill Shane, about this proposal. Mr. Storey was working with a forester to develop a long term forestry plan and after the initial meeting with Mr. Shane he was given the okay to start working on a more in-depth proposal. Mr. Leavitt was concerned that there was already a plan that had been approved by the Council with Mr. Larravee and Sappi. He was wondering how we could go from one plan to another without speaking to the person who had already been approved or without putting it out to bid? Mr. Leavitt questioned whether anyone had spoken to Mr. Larravee and told him about the change of plans? Mr. Bolduc stated that as far as he knew there had been no contact from him to Mr. Larravee in several months, nor had Mr. Larravee contacted him. Mr. Leavitt is very concerned about the safety of a non-licensed person doing work on town land. He and several other members of the committee expressed strong feelings that there was a proposal submitted, developed and already approved by the Town Council. That a delay due to the weather and market conditions did not constitute a cancelation of the plan/agreement/ approval and nothing else should be considered without at least notifying the developer of the first plan

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that other plans were now going to be accepted for consideration. Mr. Bolduc said he would check into the matter a bit more, that no decisions have been made.

Mowing: Ms. Witte said this was a topic that she was concerned with. She wanted less mowing but will certainly watch this year to make sure the park staff didn't mow more than in the past. A discussion followed about the haying and birds laying their eggs.

Direction: Next meeting maybe Mr. Bolduc can line up some members of the Town Council and we can see what their direction is. The committee can work in conjunction with the council with more communication.

Farm Animals: Ms. Tarling stated that it seems as though the compost pile from the farm and the equipment at the property edge keeps accumulating and is a bit of a nuisance. Mr. Storey apologized and said he was going through the inventory and trying to sort and restack the equipment, keeping it as neat as he could and that was the best spot for him to do so. Ms. Witte and Ms. Tarling mentioned the idea of planting trees there or installing fences to make that area more attractive to park users and to help keep dogs from trespassing over at the farm. Ms. Witte said that the committee might want to take a look at other areas that might benefit from trees.

Assorted topics mentioned:

1. Spreading manure on the fields: general discussion was not to do this due to the smell and interference to park users, especially those with dogs.
2. Tournaments seem to be going well. No reported damage to the fields and parking is smooth.
3. Storage Building is still in the works but is held up due to budget constraints.
4. Piston Bully: had an issue with a break down a year ago but no issues since.
5. April Stools Day: Sunday the 3rd of April. Website and Crier but Ms. Witte to give Ms. Neleski the final details.
6. People using the park after hours: A few instances have been reported and a criminal trespassing warning can be issued. The police and staff are keeping a close eye on this.
7. Anne Witte announced that after one more meeting she was stepping down from being the Chair. May would be her last meeting as she is just too busy to do the job justice.

7:30 pm - Adjourned

Motion by Joe Loring

Seconded by John Leavitt

Vote: Unanimous