

Twin Brook Minutes November 10, 2015

Attendance:

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

6:30pm – Call to Order

Motion to accept the Minutes of September 8, 2015

Motion by John Leavitt
Seconded by Jackie Stowell
Vote: Unanimous

Old Business:

General discussion on the Forestry Plan: Christopher Bolduc - We are currently working on landing locations with Paul Larravee and while doing the harvesting they will be looking at trail creation and maintenance/drainage as well. We are really already to go – just waiting for committee to see what the plans are for education. General discussion with M. Witte and Mr. Leavitt: Let the Recreation Committee know the dates of the Harvest, and let the Conservation Committee know as well. They can decide what they might want to do on their own. Mr. Leavitt discussed the Cotton Tail Rabbit and that the Forester should know about this to keep in mind.

Mowing – Continues to be a concern for the group. Ms. Witte inquired about the need to mow the overflow parking so often. Mr. Leavitt thought that 80% of the staff's time was used to mow at Twin Brook and would like to see mowing area cut down. Mr. Bolduc said that the area mowed had been reduced and mowing really fell under operations. If the group wanted to change operations they would have to put together a proposal/recommendation and bring it the Council for consideration. With the topic of mowing came a question regarding pesticides and fertilizers. Mr. Bolduc stated chemicals are used sparingly and only on playing fields. The group wanted to know if any other plans were in the works for irrigating any other sections of the park. Mr. Bolduc said that irrigation plans were complete.

Ms. Witte commented that she would like to see the Brook Trail connect with the Wilderness trail.

Terms – Mike Cooney said yes to another term as did John Leavitt and Anne Witte.

Culverts – The Wilderness Trail culvert has not received any grants, it will have to be funded in the Capital Improvement Projects and go through the regular budget process.

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Long Term Projects – The group would like to be involved in the planning of any projects as they come on the radar. Ms. Witte said she was going to make a mowing plan for the Park and would bring it to the group and to the Council as a proposal.

New Business

Ms. Witte commented that there was a great deal going on in the Park with Dog Walkers, Horses, Bikers and events. Mr. Bolduc spoke to the events in the park and how well it worked with the dog walkers. He also recapped the group on the end of season at the park and that all went well this season.

7:15 pm - Adjourned

Motion by Joe Loring

Seconded by John Leavitt

Vote: Unanimous