

Twin Brook Minutes November 12, 2013

Attendance:

Jackie Stowell
Shirley Story-King
John Eldredge
Iwana Tarling
Teri Maloney-Kelly
John Leavitt
Joe Loring
Mike Edes
Christopher Bolduc
Laura Neleski

Call to Order 6:30pm

Motion to accept the minutes of Sept 10, 2013:

Motion made by Ms. Maloney-Kelly

Motion seconded by Ms. Stowell

Unanimous.

Old Business:

Mr. Bolduc:

1. The Community Garden will not be going forward. Apparently lower participation than expected, combined with poor soils have not been conducive to continuing the program.
2. Labor Day Tournament went well. It was large but very manageable. The per-car charge is in effect and parking went very smoothly.

Mr. Eldredge mentioned that he had heard that the MPA thought that the new fee structure was too high. He thinks that it is a great cross country venue and that the town should be careful not to discourage the group. Mr. Bolduc explained the process that the Parks, Recreation Department and the town went through to come up with the new fee structure. He noted that a year's notice was given and that no one has brought any concerns to the town. He also reminded the group that the park couldn't absorb the cost of hosting these events and needed to pass on these costs to the users. The costs are similar to other venues in Maine. Ms. Storey-King noted that the MPA could encourage carpooling as a way to keep the costs down. Mr. Bolduc said he would inform the group if anyone came forward with a complaint.

Mr. Leavitt – Paul Larravee is busy right now but would see if he is able to get started on the Foresting Plan for Twin Brook

Mr. Leavitt – Will the Disk Golf goals be taken out before winter? Mr. Bolduc said he would take them out and move to the maintenance building. Ms. Tarling asked if the layout of the course could be

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discussed in January. Mr. Bolduc said that it could be discussed but there have been no complaints from the Public. Mr. Bingham can update the group at the next meeting.

Mr. Leavitt asked what the group had been seeing as far as cross-cycle and bike training in the park. Mr. Bolduc said that the big groups don't seem to be active as much as they had been. The Department would start discussing a possible bike policy to consider.

Mr. Bolduc stated that Mr. Bingham has not heard about the results of the bid for the NCAA championships yet.

Ms. Tarling commented that she has seen horse tracks on the trails.

Mr. Bolduc commented that the football goal posts would be coming down shortly.

A question was asked about developing the trails that had not yet been worked on. Mr. Eldredge requested that gravel with very small stones be used and that larger stones should be avoided as much as possible. Mr. Bolduc explained a bit about trail maintenance and what grades of stones prevent wash outs and that the park would certainly do its best.

Mr. Bolduc mentioned that the Town has a new animal control officer- Jeff Smith- who would be out in the park more and working on educating park users.

Mr. Bolduc said there are no plans at this time to make snow.

Mr. Leavitt noted that several member's terms are expiring. All but Ms. Maloney – Kelly would like to serve another term. Ms. Maloney-Kelly has a conflict with the schedule.

Mr. Leavitt will send out the schedule for next year's meetings.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion made by Ms. Stowell

Motion seconded by Mr. Loring

Meeting adjourned at 8pm