

# Twin Brook Minutes September 10, 2013

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## Attendance:

Shirley Story-King  
Iwana Tarling  
Teri Maloney-Kelly  
John Leavitt  
Peter Bingham  
Joe Loring  
Anne Witte

## Call to Order 6:30pm

## Old Business:

Peter Bingham

- Labor Day Soccer Tourney – No Issues. All went well. 192 teams which was a record. It went so smoothly because we stretched out the day and games went from 7am to 7pm. It is the best time of the year for a long event as the grass is strong enough to tolerate hard use. Historically parking can be an issue, but not this time. The car fee to the clubs might have helped with this.
- We have a bid in development in conjunction with St. Joseph's College to host the NCAA National Cross Country Division III Championship here at Twin Brook. Bids are due at the end of this week and we have no idea if we will win the bid.

Ms. Tarling – Would the Park be shut down?

Mr. Bingham – just the trails for the race would be closed, similar to how we do it now.

Mr. Leavitt – We are parking on site for the states, I thought we were using the shuttle system?

Mr. Bingham – We use the shuttle for some events but not all. It is difficult to shut down everything at the high school

Mr. Leavitt – I would still like to explore the idea of using the shuttles more.

Mr. Bingham – creative scheduling has helped alleviate parking problems.

Mr. Leavitt – We do a lot for the school, they should help out with parking.

- Disc Golf is going well. We have made over \$1200.00 so far.

Ms. Witte – what is our review time table?

Mr. Bingham – The Town Council requested a recap at the end of the season.

Ms. Tarling – What will be the deciding factor to go or stop?

Ms. Storey-King - Council reviews and will be a decision after serious consideration.

Ms. Tarling – Will this keep spreading? And will it be decided before the committee even sees the proposal?

Mr. Bingham – they are no proposals to expand disc golf and if there ever are I will ensure I go through the proper channels.

Ms. Tarling – Is there any compromising in disc golf? Can Mr. Bingham make changes to the location? I don't like where it is. I would suggest off the beaten path, maybe around the outside of park instead of Tree Island which is too close to everything.

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Mr. Bingham explained that they consulted 2 experts in designing the course and consulted with the Parks Department about mowing and up keep.

Mr. Leavitt noted that the committee can talk at the end of the winter and maybe come up with a list of suggestions.

- Ms. Witte – Would like to keep the park's development and expansion in check. As a committee, we have an opinion and we must persevere. We do not want massive playgrounds and more development coming into the Park.

Ms. Malone-Kelly – Other than events already approved, is there anything new on the horizon?

Ms. Storey-King – The Council appreciates the service the committee is giving. So even when there is talk about why we even have a committee, the council cares about the Park and sees a need to have voices for the park. In the master plan for the Park, there are additional playing fields to the ones already developed, do potentially more could happen, but there are no plans submitted. But suggestions made by the group are taken into consideration; such as reducing the area mowed.

Ms. Storey-King – the Parks Department will phase in areas to reduce mowing over the next few years.

Ms. Witte – Yes, we need voices and differing opinions about the focus of the Park.

Mr. Leavitt – Where can teams practice, Football seems to practice on the side of the road.

Mr. Bingham – When the developed field is wet, the Department may shut it down to protect it, so occasionally a team may practice on an undeveloped piece of land.

- Paul Larravee and the forestry planned can be discussed at next meeting when we might have some additional information. Question: Can money raised through Harvesting be put to the cement culvert replacement?
- Mr. Leavitt handed out copies of articles about leash laws and concerns in other towns for consideration. Ms. Witte commented that she has noticed many people walking multiple dogs and thought the committee might want to think about restrictions. Ms. Tarling agreed that she has noticed the same thing with additional yelling and she feels many are not Cumberland Residents. The group discussed briefly but is not taking action at this time.

### **Motion to accept the minutes of July 8, 2013:**

Motion made by Mr. Loring

Motion seconded by Ms. Witte

Unanimous.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion made by Mr. Witte

Motion seconded by Mr. Loring

**Meeting adjourned at 8pm**