

Twin Brook Minutes March 12, 2013

Attendance:

John Leavitt
John Eldredge
Joe Loring
Anne Witte
Iwona Tarling
Teri Maloney Kelly
Christopher Bolduc
Laura Neleski

Call to Order 6:30pm

Motion to accept the Minutes of January 8, 2012

Motion made by Teri Maloney Kelly
Motion seconded by Anne Witte
Vote: Unanimous

Old Business:

Mowing- Mr. Leavitt asked about reducing the mowing and questioned whether or not burning could be used at Twin Brook. Haying more areas should be an option as it provides more habitats. Burning can eliminate thatch.

Several areas were discussed last meeting but what about the overflow parking area, do we need both areas? Ms. Witte commented that the Park was looking very manicured and that she would like to see it look more natural. Mr. Bolduc reported that the overflow parking areas did need to be mowed at certain times as these areas are used throughout the summer.

Ms. Witte asked about the different areas being cut: 1 cut vs. several mowings vs. short cut. Mr. Bolduc updated the group on information about mowing in several areas of the park; overflow parking area, the island areas and front field. Mr. Bolduc will meet Mr. Leavitt to look at some areas on site. Mr. Eldredge pointed out the educational opportunities that could go along with a burning event. Mr. Leavitt noted that in recent years the focus at Twin Brook has been recreational and that maybe the group should keep an eye on the environmental issues and ensure the park stays ecologically friendly/responsible. Edge habitat would be a great way to start. Ms. Witte commented that haying the front field and the islands was also a good start. She also thought that we might be planting around the utility box?

Ms. Tarling reported a tree down on the Ravine Trail.

April Stool's Day – General Discussion on holding the event that a resident suggested at a Twin Brook meeting last year. What should it be called? Spring Cleaning or April Stools Day. Mr. Bolduc indicated that he thought April Stools Day might be good. The event could be possibly listed on the web site, local papers on channel 2 and on the kiosks at the park. Mr. Loring said he had access to a coffee maker. Ms. Witte said she could bring muffins. Several members on the committee agreed to staff a table to welcome any participants. The time of 8am to 10am was decided upon.

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New Business:

Mr. Bolduc reported that donations from the iron rangers were very low. The new grooming routine went very well. There were several of school meets that went off well.

Ms. Tarling added that the Wilderness Trail needs to be groomed more. The park asks people to walk their dog there in the winter but when it is not groomed it is a hard trail to walk on.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion made by Mr. Leavitt

Motion seconded by Mr. Eldredge

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm