

# Twin Brook Minutes September 11, 2012

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## **Attendance:**

John Eldredge  
Joe Loring  
Iwona Tarling  
Jackie Stowell  
Terri Maloney- Kelly  
Shirley Storey King  
Peter Bingham  
Laura Neleski

## **Call to Order 6:30pm**

*John Eldredge presiding as John Leavitt was called out of town for work.*

## **Motion to accept the Minutes of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Motion made by Terri Maloney Kelly

Motion seconded by Joe Loring

Vote: Unanimous

## **Old Business:**

Ms. Neleski handed out a rough draft of a Park Gift Policy that the park staff was currently working on and requested input from the committee.

Ms. Tarling pointed out that Cape Elizabeth had a very comprehensive bench policy where the town purchases the benches and charges the donator a set amount which encompasses the bench and the maintenance and upkeep and thinks that we should consider doing this when we determine the fee. She brought hand out from the Cape website. Ms. Neleski responded that just the actual cost of the bench and installation are addressed in the rough draft and she would bring the suggestion of a 'maintenance' charge back to staff for review.

The question and discussion arose as to the style of the bench for the park. Ms. Neleski said the actual style for each park or public area has not been chosen; just that when it is chosen, it will be in keeping with the area that it is being placed and that there will be consistency within each location.

Mr. Eldredge asked about the existing benches. What did the group feel should be done? The green and yellow chair that had just shown up was discussed. There was a double Adirondack chair and some granite benches in the area of the shelter building and soccer fields that did not go well together. Staff members said this will be looked at going forward.

Mr. Eldredge said that the group could continue to review the location of the benches going forward.

## **Other Business:**

Mr. Bingham recapped the Labor Day Tournament. The Soccer Club worked hard to balance the demand for the fields and the traffic. They reduced the field layout by one field and started at 7am instead of 8am. This reduced the traffic and spread out the timing of parking and the event went very

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smoothly. Ms. Maloney-Kelly asked if there had been any feedback. Mr. Bingham said that parents like being on the same field and not having to travel from location to location. This also reduced the traffic in the area.

Ms. Maloney-Kelly showed a photo of the soccer field that showed where part of a fence had been removed and foot traffic was creating a muddy pass through. Mr. Bingham said that access will be better for next year now that they have seen the problem; that the parks staff could make a permanent opening just over a bit where it was flatter and make another access to the field.

Ms. Neleski read Mr. Bolduc's report to the committee. Summary:

- Gate repaired
- Parking lots graded in July
- New fences around berm
- Trail maintenance started. 25 culverts have been replaced or installed. The Hill Trail has been graveled. The work will continue on the other loop trails on the Tuttle road side of the park when weather and time allows.
- The Park has received about \$150.00 in donations from the Iron Rangers in addition to several checks from individuals.
- Lots of positive comments from the public.

Question from the committee: What will keep the new gravel in place? Answer was better drainage.

### **New Business:**

The question was asked if the mowing area has increased. The response was that the mowing areas have not increased. In fact, some areas that have been mowed in the past are now left wild. The mowing schedule has also remained pretty consistent over the years. The only thing that changes from year to year is when mowing begins and when mowing ends and that is determined by the weather and the grass growing.

The question was asked when the bathrooms would shut down for the season. The response is shortly after the New England's in November.

Ms. Stowell asked if the ruts at the top of the hill near the Hill Trail could be filled in. This request will be passed on to park staff.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion made by Jackie Stowell

Motion seconded by Joe Loring

**Meeting adjourned at 8pm**