

Twin Brook Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2012

In Attendance:

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| Joe Loring | John Leavitt |
| Teri Maloney-Kelly | Councilor Shirley Storey-King |
| Kay Fowler | Councilor Steve Moriarty |
| Christopher Bolduc | John Eldredge |
| Laura Neleski | Jackie Stowell |

Call to Order 6:30pm

Motion to accept the minutes from March 13, 2012

Motion by Ms. Maloney-Kelly

Seconded by Ms. Fowler

Vote - Unanimous

Old Business

Dog Walking

Mr. Eldredge asked for a recap of the last meeting. Mr. Leavitt summed up the meeting as being well attended and a very good discussion. There were 35 member of the public at the last meeting to speak on the topic of dog walking at Twin Brook. The majority (all) agreed that although there is the occasional owner who disregards the policies, no one wanted to see the park policies changed. There was a suggestion of a park clean-up day in the spring that was very popular. Ms. Maloney-Kelly noted that there is a very active group of walkers that is already assisting in cleaning up at the park.

Mr. Bolduc informed the Committee that Officer Burnie would swing by the park several times during his shifts to educate owners on the policies and on control of their pet. Mr. Bolduc indicated that at this time, the Town intends to deal with any problems on an individual basis.

Resident Stickers

There was a general recap of how expensive it was to print, issue, and sell stickers for the park. Mr. Moriarty reiterated that enforcement of compliance would be very difficult. After general discussion the committee agreed that this is not a possibility that they wanted to pursue at this time. Mr. Bolduc added that the new fee structure would offset some of the expenses at the park and was the right approach to have gone with.

Information

Mr. Bolduc said there has been conversations surrounding Saturday events at the park; one question being that if the event is canceled due to weather, could there be a rain date for a Sunday. Most of the Saturdays are booked limiting rescheduling possibilities. This is something to think about as Mr. Bickford and Mr. Bingham are working on and will be bring to the Committee in the near future. Mr. Bolduc also said they are looking into getting white boards for use at the Park to announce events happening as people arrive at the Park. Good communication goes a long way to the smooth running of the Park.

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New Business

Benches

A new bench was noticed at Twin Brook located near the shelter building. This is the second memorial bench that has been donated to the Park. What are the Park policies and procedures for donations of this type? Mr. Bolduc explained why that bench was placed there and Mr. Murray's contributions to the town. The committee discussed a Donation Policy may be needed to control the consistency of the overall park appearance and placement of future donations. Mr. Bolduc and Ms. Neleski will work on putting together a rough policy to bring to the Committee to consider.

Community Garden

The Community Garden is moving forward using the same footprint as last year. Should they want to expand in the future, they do not need the committee's approval as long as they expand in the foot print that was originally permitted for their use.

One More New Item

Mr. Leavitt said that he had been approached about Bow Hunting in Twin Brook. He noted that they allow Bow Hunting at Pratt's Brook Park. Ms. Fowler asked if anyone in the group sees many deer in the park. The group responded that they don't see many, if any at all, deer; that there are too many dogs in the park for the deer. Mr. Eldredge noted that there are many walkers and dogs in the park and it might be a questionable practice to allow Bow Hunters in the same area. Ms. Stowell also thought it was a bad idea.

Mr. Leavitt said there are many groups such as Bow Hunters, ATV riders, snowmobilers that are all excluded from the park. Mr. Eldredge responded that there are other town properties that are heavily forested and less populated where hunting is allowed. Ms. Maloney-Kelly thought that the idea was okay. Ms. Fowler thought that allowing hunting would lead to too many possible problems and there just weren't that many deer in the park. Mr. Leavitt thought that we could always start small with just town residents. This might be something to consider in the future.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2012 at 6:30 in the Council Chambers

Motion to Adjourn at 8:00pm

Made by Teri Maloney-Kelly

Seconded by John Eldredge

Vote - Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm

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