

# Twin Brook Minutes November 18, 2014

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## **Attendance:**

Jackie Stowell  
John Eldredge  
Iwana Tarling  
Anne Witte  
Joe Loring  
John Leavitt  
Shirley Story-King - Councilor  
Christopher Bolduc – Staff  
Laura Neleski – Staff  
Peter Bingham - Staff

## **6:30pm – Call to Order**

### **Motion to accept the Minutes of September 8, 2014**

Motion by John Eldredge  
Seconded by Iwona Tarling  
Vote: Unanimous

## **Old Business:**

Welcome to the meeting by John Leavitt. Introduction to Peter Bingham asking for a recap of recreation events at Twin Brooks this year as well as a recap of the disc golf course.

Peter Bingham: 4 Mass gathering events at Twin Brook this year – all went very smoothly. The weather cooperated and parking went smoothly. The new parking plan was fully implemented and the shuttle was used. This limited the impact of parking on the park. Very little rain on the weekends, so all weekend events went off without a hitch. The trail infrastructure work that was done this summer left the trails in excellent condition. One event that might not have happened was able to go on due to the fact that the gravel and drainage work that had been done kept the trail in good shape. Mr. Leavitt asked how the shuttle system was communicated to the public and Mr. Bingham told him that the web, email, newspapers and communications with the event coordinators were all employed when communicating the shuttle system that we are using. Mr. Bingham and Mr. Bolduc communicated that is really in the best interest of the Park and the group to utilize the shuttle service. It results in less impact on the environment and smaller parking fees for the hosting group. Mr. Eldredge mentioned the A loop still has some bigger stones on it and still needs some work. Others mentioned having moved stones from time to time. Mr. Bolduc will have staff check it out.

Mr. Bingham spoke to the subject of Disc Golf. Income was down but the card usage was up. The course is still paying for itself and the supplies. Anecdotally, residents seem to be very happy with the course. There are no complaints and it always seems to be in use. Overall this is seen as a good program.

Mr. Leavitt asked about the storage building that has been moved to the Greely Road side of the park. The shed's history as a Nordic ski shed and its relocate ability was discussed by Mr. Eldredge. The building has served many purposes over the years. Because it was falling into a state of disrepair, it has become a Boy Scout project and has been refurbished. Mr. Bolduc went before the planning committee

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and now the shed has been moved to the Greely side of the park to replace the old broken down shed that stores some equipment for the school sports teams.

Mr. Bolduc said that the storage building that has been in the works for a while now and plans to be located adjacent to the current maintenance building is still being planned and the location has not changed. Bids came in too high and so the department has decided to wait for a few months. Plans will probably go out to bid again toward February, and maybe they would receive a more favorable price.

Mr. Leavitt opened the topic of the Forestry Plan for Twin Brook. Mr. Bolduc said that they are in touch with Paul Larravee, but at a busy time of year, the meeting won't take place for another week or so. Boundaries for the Park have been marked. Ms. Witte said that she could be reached when decisions are made about timing as she would like to be involved with coordinating the educational aspects of the project with the high school.

Ms. Witte asked about the bridge for the culvert going into the Wilderness Trail, perhaps a simpler way to achieve this. Mr. Bolduc will be checking out options. There is even a greater interest in this project since the new rules are in effect.

### **New Business:**

- Schedule for next year.
- Mr. Eldredge's term expires and he will not be seeking another term.
- Mr. Leavitt would like to step down as Chair and would like others to consider the position – topic to be discussed next meeting.

### **7:45pm - Adjourned**

Motion by Joe Loring

Seconded by Anne Witte

**Vote:** Unanimous