

# Twin Brook Minutes September 9, 2014

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## **Attendance:**

Kay Fowler  
Jackie Stowell  
John Eldredge  
Iwana Tarling  
Anne Witte  
Joe Loring  
John Leavitt  
Mike Edes - Councilor  
Shirley Story-King - Councilor  
Christopher Bolduc – Staff  
Laura Neleski - Staff

## **6:30pm – Call to Order**

### **Motion to accept the Minutes of May 18, 2014**

Motion by Anne Witte  
Seconded by Jackie Stowell  
Vote: Unanimous

## **Old Business:**

Parking: Mr. Eldredge had questions regarding the provisions for parking and how it is determined to have parking in the overflow lot near the entrance to the park. Mr. Bolduc discussed the weather and ground conditions that might warrant overflow parking in this area. Parking, in all, was much more manageable this year with the addition of better and more effective parking plans for the bigger events. Overall, there was less wear and tear on the park this year as far as traffic goes. The plans, fees and car counters all went smoothly.

Mr. Leavitt asked about the status of the Wilderness trail. Mr. Bolduc indicated that he would try to get someone to walk in and do a little maintenance but it would be minimal as big equipment still can't get in there.

Mr. Bolduc Spoke about the trails at the Town Forrest and the work that would be done this winter which would include improving the trail system there. In the spring those trails would be graveled.

Mr. Eldredge indicated that he was concerned with the size and quality of gravel that is being used the trails at Twin Brook. Mr. Bolduc said 1 ½ inch gravel is being used and they would be as careful as they could in laying it down, balancing the need for it to stay in place with the surface condition for running and walking.

Mr. Leavitt: Presented the Forestry Plan to the Town Council for approval and the council is in favor of the Forestry Plan. They did have questions regarding boundaries and DEP restrictions and would like additional details. Mr. Bolduc recognized that the Park needs a survey. Ms. Witte likes the idea of using locals and local businesses as much as possible during this process, but understands that cost is a factor. General conversation amongst the committee included the desire to involve the community at large, the schools and the Recreation and Education Department in town. Perhaps the

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community service that seniors are supposed to do could be used in a beneficial manner to the project. Ms. Witte will work on the education piece. Mr. Leavitt would like any suggestions for trail improvement or connectivity. During the foresting is the perfect time to improve trails. Mr. Leavitt wondered if any revenues that might be generated from the harvesting could be used toward culvert replacement to improve and expand the Wilderness Trail.

Mr. Bolduc updated the committee on the new storage building and that it was progressing slowly. It looks like a time frame of next spring.

Ms. Witte noticed that the fence and shrubbery looked good.

The cross-country house was Boy Scout project and would be used for storage.

Ms. Tarling asked for an update on Disc Golf and it will be asked that Mr. Bingham come to the next meeting and address the group.

Ms. Story-King reported that the new Animal Control Officer was doing well. He had had several conversations with pet owners in the park and had not issued any summons. Ms. Tarling expressed her opinion that the process of making a new Dog Policy was not transparent and doing a survey after the policy was made was backwards, that more research should have been done first. Ms. Tarling also wants to see the results of the survey when it is complete and would like to know when that will be and how the results will be used. Ms. Story-King said the Council is always interested in more information and that the results will be made public. Other members of the committee reminded the group of the meetings that had been held leading up to the ordinance.

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

Motion by Joe Loring

Seconded by Anne Witte

**Vote:** Unanimous