

Friends of Twin Lakes Meeting  
February 11, 2017

Friends of Twin Lakes board members present: Kelly Sweeney, president. Judy Leaming, secretary, and John King, at-large member, by teleconference. Absent: Anita Mason, vice-president, and Joan Weber, at-large member.

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. **Colorado Telecom** Maisie Ramsey from Colorado Teleocm was present by teleconference. She reported that following the grant award from the Colorado Broadband Deployment Board, the next steps are to acquire the necessary permits for construction of towers. Two towers are proposed, one at Granite, which requires a U.S. Forest Service permit and one at Sugar Loaf (west of Leadville near Turquoise Lake). The Granite tower will provide broadband services to Twin Lakes and Gordon Acres. The Sugar Loaf tower will serve Reva Ridge and Pan Ark.

There was discussion about an alternative or additional tower at a mining site south of Twin Lakes. After the meeting, Maisie Ramsey reported that electricity was far from ideal at that location, access is problematical and line of sight was less than optimal.

Due to the time involved in U.S. Forest Service permitting, the Granite tower will likely not be completed until the spring of 2018. The Sugar Loaf tower should be completed and service provided late summer of 2017, this tower will bring service to Pan Ark and areas near there. The earliest that broadband internet might be available in the village of Twin Lakes is 2018.

The towers will broadcast to repeaters that will boost the signal to southern Lake County areas. Each household that subscribes to the service will have a small fixed dish, about the size of a dinner plate, which will be hard-wired to a router inside the structure. Download speeds are projected @ approximately 25 megabytes per second while upload speeds will be slower.

Bruce Hix sent an email to Kelly with information about the Lake County Community Fund which supports non-profits. This fund might help defray costs of installation or for outlaying locations. Kelly will look into this possibility (e.g., what it takes to get a grant and what it can be used for); she'll report back to the membership by email.

2. **FoTL minutes** Minutes from the October meeting of FoTL were approved.

3. **Status of funds** \$4,845.16 in the operating account. \$11,026.49 in designated funds, including \$7,250 for a fire station in southern Lake County. "This Wonderful Life" brought in \$525 and FoTL received \$680 for the wedding event.

4. **Little Red Book Exchange + Community Bulletin Board** (which can be placed on one side of the book exchange box). Models were displayed from web sites. Bob Mathes and Kurt Schweigert volunteered to work on the project.

5. **Willis Gulch Trail** Bob Mathes described the work involved with the lower Willis Gulch Trail which includes walk-throughs to determine what maintenance might be required and working with the Forest Service to perform those tasks. Bob has personally adopted the higher Willis Gulch Trail. Need a May date for follow-up.
6. **Historic Park + Red Rooster Clean-up** This area is the showcase to our village and having the grounds clean, brush cut back for parking and a clean Visitor Center make it more welcoming for visitors. Bob Matthes asked that May 20th be avoided as a clean-up date. No other conflicts were identified. After the meeting, May 13<sup>th</sup> was cleared as a date with the Forest Service.
7. **District Ranger** Kelly spoke with the new District Ranger Mary Moore on 2/10. Mary is supposed to provide some dates for a meeting with the board and those who've been working on Forest Service issues.
8. **Twin Lakes Traveler** Jim McMillan proposed that a box be placed near the Visitor Center so that folks could get copies of the Twin Lakes Traveler when the center is closed. Mark Glenn's wife, who works as a realtor in Leadville, said she'll donate a box similar to those posted in front of properties for sale.
9. **New Coordinator of Visitor Center Volunteers** Colleen Schweigert has agreed to coordinate volunteers at the Visitor Center this summer. We'll be contacting past volunteers and seeking additional volunteers for summer. It's a great way to share your love of the area and its history.
10. **Schoolhouse Shutters and Fire Station Update** John Kester reported on shutter tiebacks. He also discussed the status of the southern Lake County fire station. The current plan is for a 9,000 sq. ft. facility (previous plan was for a 12,000 facility). He offered a blueprint drawing of the station for review by the membership.
11. **Commissioner Mark Glenn** Mark Glenn introduced himself and expressed support for the upcoming broadband project and the proposed fire station in southern Lake County. He also supports having Lake County Commission meetings in Twin Lakes. There was discussion about property rights and folks who place temporary trailers on vacant land.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.