

Thurston Park Committee
Minutes of January 27, 2022

In Attendance: Steve Nelson, Sonia Nelson, Ron Maxwell, and Jen Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the November 18, 2021, and December 15, 2021, were reviewed. Ron Maxwell made a motion to approve both minutes as written, and Sonia Nelson seconded. They were unanimously approved.

Jen Smith attended the TIF Committee meeting just prior to this meeting. The members of the TIF Committee had a number of questions and comments about our request for 2022-2023. They were concerned about the expense for the storage building. A suggestion was made that we look into prefabricated buildings such as are made in the Amish community or storage containers. This may save on costs. We can look into this and see if this is indeed the case. Our biggest concern is the look of the building as this is a park!

Steve Nelson reported he has done more tree and brush removal from the storm damage last fall. We have not done any of the ground work related to the TIF funds for 2021-2022. That will have to wait until spring.

We discussed the upcoming China Ice Days that will take place the weekend of February 18th-21st. We had originally considered holding snow shoe races at the park as part of the weekend activities. Unfortunately, we do not have enough volunteers to run the event so we will have to skip this year and plan to participate next year. We did review information provided by Ron Maxwell for race medals. We decided to order in bulk so that we would have them ready for next year and/or other events. Ron Maxwell placed the order.

We had a brief discussion regarding current membership on the committee and how to increase membership and attendance. Jen Smith will do a write up for the China Connection looking for new committee members and volunteers.

We had a brief conversation regarding the abutter issues. Jen Smith spoke with someone from Land and Water Conservation Fund about the possible purchase of the Yorktown Road hill from the town of Albion and/or rerouting

the Yorktown Road at the south end to avoid conflict with the abutter there. We may need to have a survey of the park done in order to facilitate this. There was some talk about this at the TIF committee as there were other concerns regarding the boat launch on the south end of the lake. The town may need to have these properties surveyed and make decisions from there.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the South China Community Church.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette "Jen" Smith