

Thurston Park Committee
Minutes of November 17, 2022

In Attendance: Steve Nelson, Sonia Nelson, Trevy Bumps and Jen Smith

Call to order 6:39 pm

The minutes of the August 18, 2022 and September 15, 2022 meetings were unanimously approved after a motion by Sonia Nelson and a second by Steve Nelson.

The Financial Report revealed that we have \$6,027 remaining of our budget and \$33,100 remaining in TIF funds for 2022-23. The Reserve fund has \$9,129.00.

We discussed the TIF application for 2023-2024. We decided to request funds for a utility vehicle to use to pull the tow behind bush hog and for hauling gravel, etc in the park. We will also request funding for the creation of the Townline Trail. This will need some tree removal, excavator work, and bog bridging. Finally, we will be requesting funds for kiosks, trail cameras, and trail maps. These had been budgeted for in earlier requests, but budget overruns on road and trail work prevented us from getting them earlier.

Mat Henion from the Bureau of Parks and Lands is planning a site inspection on November 28, 2022 at 9:00 AM. This is with respect to our application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grants. He will look at the site and evaluate it with respect to suitability for a LWCF grant.

We plan to keep our budget request similar to 2022-2023 to include funding for grading the hill and cleaning supplies and paper products for the restrooms.

We discussed adding an activity for the weekend of the Fishing Derby and felt our group was too small to carry something out for this year.

Discussion regarding China Days was tabled until the next meeting.

We discussed the Spring Clean Up Day at the park. Scheduling depends on the weather and when we can reliably get into the park with vehicles. Jen Smith will contact Erskine Academy about their Day of Caring and having a group help out as we have done in the past.

We discussed the Eagle Scout projects that are being done in the park. Sam Boynton completed his work on the monument trail. Maddox Ward is working on a trail and picnic area down by the pond and the dam on Yorktown Stream. He has begun work on this and should complete it soon. Nash Corson plans to work on the Waterfall Trail. This has not been started yet. We will need to follow up with him regarding his plans.

The brochure and map update is waiting the completion of the new trails so adjustments to the map can be made. This will likely occur next summer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the portable building at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette "Jen" Smith