

Thurston Park Committee
Minutes of October 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm

In Attendance: Steve Nelson, Sonia Nelson, Scott Monroe, Jen Smith

New committee member Scott Monroe was introduced.

After a motion by Sonia Nelson and a second by Steve Nelson, the minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

We discussed improving our social media presence. Jen Smith will contact Trevy Bumps to add Scott Monroe and Jen as admins on our Facebook page. We will try to make more frequent posts, especially if there is road work and construction in the park, storm damage, etc.

We discussed park access. Jen Smith met with the Town of Albion Select Board to discuss the hill portion of Yorktown Road. They seemed very agreeable about working with us to make sure it is maintained. They need to check with their records as there is some concern that the road was discontinued. The Select Board will not approve spending money to maintain that portion of the road until they check with the town attorney.

Scott Monroe discussed some ideas he had regarding expanding the park or at least connecting with some other trails. This would need further exploration before any action can be taken.

We discussed TIF funding for 2024-25. We will again request a UTV and money for the town line trail, maps, kiosks and of course more road work Jen Smith will work on the application.

The 2022-23 TIF funds are going to the building. The pad is in place and will be built soon hopefully.

The 2023-2024 TIF funds will go toward the road repairs which came in at \$30,700 but we will also need at least 5 culverts which will likely use the remainder of the money. We may be able to purchase game cameras as well.

We also discussed signs for the park. The surveys showed that many people were not familiar with the park location and how to get there. Jen Smith will check into requirements for signs on Pleasant View Ridge Road in addition to the signs requested for Route 202/Lakeview Drive.

Finally, we discussed needing to update trail markings. Jen Smith will order trail marking paint for that purpose.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the portable building at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette “Jen” Smith