

*Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park
June 15, 2017 Meeting, 7:00 PM
Resource Bank Schoolhouse*

President Spencer Meyers opened the meeting. Attending: Tim Pierce, Mike Tuma, Denny Sands, Spencer Meyer, Clint Sands, Duane Landmeier and Kathy Sands. Absent: Evan Ostrander.

Denny made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Spencer said that we raised \$1066.45 from the Give DeKalb County fund raising effort. Denny said we gained two new members from the fund raising effort.

The rearing pond project is completed and paid for. There will be a minnow test run for the rearing pond. Spencer will submit a report to the DeKalb County Community Foundation about the completion of the rearing pond project. He will schedule a tour of the project with the DCCF. Spencer and Denny will send out a press release about the project. Duane will send a list of outlets for the press release. Duane suggested that the press release should be put on the IDNR site. The total project cost \$17,000.00. (\$12,000.00 from the DCCF grant and \$5,000.00 of donated services which included Joe, park staff, and engineer.) There was discussion about pouring a cement pad or using caged river rock for the whirlpool area of the rearing pond.

Applying for more DCCF grants was discussed. The application and deadlines for grants are in the Fall and Spring.

Mike and Tim spoke about the work being done with the privies. Three volunteers from Monsanto helped. The volunteers asked to come back and volunteer again. Monsanto's donation is based on volunteer hours worked. Mike bought new equipment to spray quicker. They said they worked as a team. Better chemicals and turbines for the privies was discussed. Mike made signs

that he set out where they were working to inform the public that the work is being completed by the Friends group. The main boat launch privy was painted today. The adjacent playground privy is scheduled next.

Denny gave the Treasurer's Report. Thanks to Mike and Spencer for working the raffle at the fish shows. They raised \$448.00. The Designated Fund is \$3,576.49 for the Trail Bridge repair, flowers, Lakeside Fish Restocking and the Kids Pond repair. The checkbook balance is \$8,259.08 minus the Designated Funds, \$3,576.49 leaves available funds of \$4,682.59.

Park projects were discussed:

The bridge repair project 1 beams are being made.

Joe spoke about three potential projects. One would be a shelter in the Youth Camping Area. Two would be installing electricity to all the shelters. Three would be obtaining trees with size.

Joe said that the archery range may be ready by the 4th of July.

Joe said the kids pond is on the schedule to be drained and dredged in November.

Clint spoke about cleats for the boat launch docks. Pricing was discussed. Denny made a motion to spend up to \$300.00 for cleats and hardware. Spencer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Sledding hill will not be anytime soon.

The light at the boat launch is working.

Joe said the front sign needs repair and they are still clearing the front area.

Duane suggested mulch instead of sand for the playground. Joe said the bees love the sand and it is on the top of the list to address the sand.

Duane said there is a guy that will help with the barrier fence that also helps with event at Maple Lane Farm.

Joe said the 20 passenger canoe would be here for the fourth of July. He has someone who will monitor the canoe. Mike Tuma said he could possibly help in the afternoon.

Denny asked about handing out the Friends brochure to each car entering the park for the fireworks. It was decided that this should be done. Clint will print the brochure. It was authorized to pay Clint \$100.00, the cost of printing. Denny will get it to the group collecting firework donations to pass out the brochures.

The board has one director spot open. Clint will post it on Facebook. Ideas to increase membership was discussed.

Tim made a motion to approve the April 18, 2017, minutes. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the Resource Bank Schoolhouse.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Sands, Secretary*