Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park

Wednesday, August 5, 2015, 7:00 P.M., Resource Bank

Spencer opened the meeting, thanking everyone for being here. Everyone introduced themselves. Attending were: Deanna Frances, Denny Sands, Spencer Meyers, Frankie Benson, Rich McElligott, Larry Kimpan, Tim Pierce, Mike Tuman, Clint Sands and Kathy Sands. Absent was Duane Landmeier.

Frankie made a motion to accept the agenda, Rich seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The new striping in all the parking lots looks good. Clint put information on social media about the new striping of the parking lots. Spencer painted the handicapped spaces in blue. This should alleviate the problem of securing the handicapped spaces for the handicapped. Rich suggested that we should offer Dan Raih, who obtained the striping machine for striping all the parking lots, a free membership as a thank you for his donation of time and the machine. Everyone agreed on this.

Kerry had ordered the parts for the swings and Spencer worked with the park to replace the missing swings. They look good.

Spencer commented about getting real projects done in the first year and the importance of taking pictures of projects while in progress and the finished project.

Mike will make a wooden sign, like the ones in the park, for the Friends projects within the park. Permission from the Superintendent will need to be obtained.

Spencer and Denny will work on issuing 501c3 receipts via email to all member and donors done completed in the next week. They will split the list.

The upper barrier was repaired by Rich, Tony Schnupp and Larry. The lower barrier posts are tipped and need repair. Several ideas were discussed. Mike said he can obtain pipe for repairs.

Rich will schedule a fish rescue.

Tim volunteered to paint the swing frames. There is a half gallon of blue paint left from the handicap parking lot project that can be used for the swings. Frankie Benson volunteered to purchase more paint if needed. Suggestion was made that maybe Lowe’s or Menards might donate the paint if needed.

Mike said he can obtain donated paint/stain that we could use for the gazebo in the campground, the birdhouses, swings and outhouses, It was determined a work day would be needed to sand the gazebo. Tim suggested we should complete the swings and gazebo by Labor Day.

There was discussion about tree placement and where to get them. Clint and Denny told them about the three butternut trees that need to be moved. They would need to be moved with a tree spade. Tim has connections to obtain trees near St. Charles. Rich will talk to tree people he knows. Tim volunteered to help with the tree planting. Looking at planting trees in late fall (Sept into Oct).

Kathy told Frankie about the boulders she talked to Andy about putting by the entrance sign. Frankie spoke about the how the ground needs to be worked in order to plant flowers. Tim mentioned using raised beds. It was decided to get them ready in September and install in October.

The outhouses were discussed. The stench is awful and several ideas were discussed. Tim spoke about using Fresh Wav, it needs to be changed out once a month. Tim will check it out more.

Clint said that Shabbona is number two on the list to repave the park roads and maybe the pothole at the boat dock could be repaired then. Park has concrete saw. Duane said he could get one truckload of cement, but this project would need 2 to 3 truckloads and is too expensive to do. Spencer has offered the patch material with a bonding agent to repair the pothole, but is not sure how long it will last. Spencer will get it done. Tim has offered to help.

Rich mentioned the Wing Shooting Clinic will be held on August 15 (for kids) and 16th (for women). No Foid Card is needed to participate.

Small Alliance has plants left over that will be planted in Southwest Bay. Spencer offered to help.

The Friends Picnic was discussed. It was determined to be a pig roast, invite all members and be held in October. The shelter rent is $15.00. Kathy offered to make a sheet cake for the picnic. The idea of a raffle was discussed and Clint said he would speak to John from Robinson for possible donations. Frankie and Tim will set the date and plan the event. September 10th has been set as a deadline to have event planned and get invitations out.

Superintendent Joe needs to be contacted about:

 1 – permission to put up the Friends projects signs

 2 – pothole date

 3 – reserve shelter

 4 – permission to work on the gazebo and birdhouses

Membership renewal needs to be considered soon, use email or evites?

One idea was to pay at the Friends picnic.

The June 3, 2015, minutes were approved with a motion made by Tim and seconded by Rich. The motion passed unanimously. Spencer reminded everyone that the minutes are on the website because it is cost effective.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 7, 2015, at the Shabbona Resource Bank.

Spencer adjourned the meeting.