

**Minutes June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**  
**Friends Of Shabbona Lake State Park**  
**7 PM, Shabbona Resource Bank Schoolhouse**

Attending: Larry Kimpan, Steven Urda, Spencer Meyers, Christian Deutsch, Rich McElligott, Frankie Benson, Denny Sands, Jan Knudsen, Tim Pierce, Peg Felters Dordal & Tim Tausch.

Spencer opened the meeting, welcoming everyone.

Spencer informed the organization that the Officers and Directors insured the organization for members, directors and officers for \$700.00. As of June 3<sup>rd</sup> the organization is insured.

Frankie presented a donor receipt. There were two suggestions discussed. One by Peg rewording this sentence, “No goods or services were received in exchange for this contribution”, to be more positive. A second suggestion by Denny was to allow the donor to unconditionally set the price of their donation. Clint said that Good Will does thousands of donor receipts with a very simple nondescript form. Spencer also brought up the possibility of deleting both sentences altogether. Frankie will do research and report her findings.

Spencer spoke about the need to take pictures during Friend’s projects to create a tri fold brochure of Friends accomplishments.

Spencer asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Christian, second by Steve, was passed unanimously.

Project list:

The officers and directors identified 5 projects to consider and each item was discussed:

- 1) Fix the pot hole on the main public boat launch ramp - Spencer will donate materials for temporary fix.
- 2) Replace and spread mulch at Three Fire’s Picnic Area and campground play area – Campground play area has been cleaned and mulch has been ordered.
- 3) Paint parking stripes in all parking lots – This would be an immediate impact sign of Friend’s group.
- 4) Replace missing swings and clean up the Shabbona Grove Picnic Play Area – Clint, Spencer and Tim are checking prices, project should be done soon.
- 5) Plant bushes or flowers around the park entrance sign and turnaround area – Frankie and Jan will coordinate and accomplish this very soon. Spencer will donate \$100.00 for bushes.

Additional Projects were also discussed:

6. Summer Youth Fishing League – **Starting soon** – Organized by Tim
7. **July 4<sup>th</sup>** Pokanoka’s Run/Walk To Support local Domestic Violence Shelter – Denny & Kathy
8. Repair Small Mouth Bass Pond – **Pending** – Larry & Rich

9. Muskie Rescue - Capture Muskie that have escaped over the spillway - 1<sup>st</sup> week in June – Organized by Duane
10. Stain Gazebo in Campground - Pending
11. Stain Picnic Tables – More to do
12. Paint Electrical Boxes in Campground - Pending
13. Shave Snow Sledding Hill for better sledding - Planning stage
14. 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Fireworks (Crowd control volunteers) Denny
15. Repair Floating Barrier at Spillway - Being worked on - Rich
16. Add Brush & Rock Fish Habitat to Shabbona Lake - Done some, more to go – Rich, Spencer & Denny
17. Trail Maintenance Ongoing for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Trail Run –Larry & Shirley & Park Staff
18. Sand & Stain Observation Deck in the No Motor Zone - Planning
19. Roadway Tree Trimming - Planning

#### Future Endeavors

20. Volunteer manning of a future Park Visitor's Center - Planning
21. Construct Enclosed Shelters – Planning

Denny suggested the possibility of Business cards being used as a handout promotional opportunity. For example, they could be handed out at the gate as fireworks donations are collected. Motion made by Jan and seconded by Frankie to spend up to \$50.00 for promotional items such as business cards. Motion was passed unanimously.

Motion by Jan and seconded Spencer to spend up to \$300 on parking lot paint for striping materials. Motion was passed unanimously.

Spencer and Clint each volunteered to donate trees at the park entrance.

Spencer, Frankie, Jan and Peg will meet with the new Shabbona Lake State Park Superintendent next week to seek his approval of the Friend's projects.

#### Financial Report:

Balance - \$2104.95

Currently 55 members

\$16.17 spent on stamps for recruitment letters to 33 area businesses.

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 7 PM, Resource Bank Schoolhouse.

Motion to Adjourn made by Jan, seconded by Spencer, Motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich McElligott  
Tim Tausch  
Denny Sands