

Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park
Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 7:00P.M. Meeting
Resource Bank Schoolhouse

Spencer called the meeting to order and thanked those attending. Those attending were Andy Belan, Rich McElligott, Denny Sands, Clint Sands, Spencer Meyers, Kathy Sands, Jan Knudsen, Joe Lenkaitis –Shabbona Lake State Park Site Superintendent, Tim Peirce, and Duane Landmeier. Absent were Frankie Benson and Tim Tausch.

Jan made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joe, introduced himself. He has been on the job six months and this is a new experience for him. Denny discussed a meeting with Joe about the two front entrance signs. Joe said the park would take care of removing the rocks under the sign, enlarging the planting area and refilling with dirt and mulch. Joe mentioned that he would prefer that the enlarged area be made so mowing is easily done.

Rich made a motion to approve the August 5, 2015, minutes. Tim seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Spencer painted the handicap spots in the parking lots. Andy asked that the snowmobile trail be marked with yellow paint like the trail crossings that has just been completed. Spencer will get the yellow paint. \$400.00 in parking lot paint has been donated.

Tim will work with Frankie to schedule and plan the spring pig roast. Frankie has a good breakdown of items to address for the pig roast. Tim and Frankie will have a date, budget and present 2 to 3 options (items discussed: a free event, a thank you event, membership drive, a fundraiser, sell tickets, carry out event, location-tent by boat launch or Shabbona Grove shelter, etc) at the next meeting.

Jeff Kuhn and the Earlville locker were suggested as options to obtain a pig. Clint said that a pig will serve 150 people if it is served to them and 80 if it is self served. A pig would cost about \$300.00. Tim addressed whether the pig roast would be a fundraiser as well. Renewing dues at the pig roast was discussed.

Andy suggested pre-selling tickets for a hard count and a carry out option. Rich suggest a raffle. Duane suggested a 50/50 raffle. Spencer said it would be a good time to thank members and showcase the projects that have been completed. Clint reminded everyone to consider school events, sports and graduations. Spring and summer dates were considered. Marketing the event was discussed with possibilities of ESPN1000, Bob Machulis, Chancey and the village of Shabbona sign.

Mike Tuman and his ability to obtain free paint was explained to Joe. Discussion of what colors to use for different projects was decided. Andy asked for a light color for

the inside of the 11 outdoor toilets, 5 are doubles. It was determined that 2 gallons would be needed for each outdoor toilet. The shower building needs to be stained and Rustic Bark is the color. Joe learned that Tim Pierce volunteered to paint the swings and the campground Gazebo. Metal blue paint for the swing sets. Primer was also discussed. Spencer will speak with Mike about possibly getting the product for these projects.

Pamphlets and a sign (to be made by volunteer Mike Tuman) highlighting our accomplishments were discussed.

Denny went over the Treasurer's report.

Expenses for 2016 would be:

Insurance	\$700.00
Attorney General	\$ 15.00
Sec of State	\$ 15.00

Projected income for 2016, would be the membership dues.

There is currently \$2,227.12 in our account.

The boat launch repairs will cost \$2,400.00. Frankie wrote the grant for the ISA for \$1,200.00. Rich presented the grant to the ISA and said it was approved. Rich and Frankie were recognized and thanked. After in-depth discussion, which included Spencer advising that AMS Concrete was ready to go tomorrow or the next day and Joe stating the boat launch was not on the IDNR list for work until 2019, Denny made a motion to match the ISA grant of \$1,200.00, using \$1,200.00 of the Friends fund to repair the boat launch. Clint seconded. The roll call vote: Rich – yes, Denny – yes, Clint – yes, Spencer – yes, Kathy – yes, Jan – yes and Duane – yes. The motion passed unanimously. Spencer will call and set the start date for Thursday, October 22, 2015. The one side of the boat launch with the repair would need to cure for a week. It will be marked to keep anyone from using it. Clint will take before and after pictures.

The washout at the end of the boat ramp has been a problem for big trailers. It was suggested to hand place rock. Clint suggested doing this at the Rock Fest event. Andy said they have rock now and would need one truck load. Joe approved this project.

Denny explained the spillway repairs needed. Use of Ibeams to reinforce the fence and a diversion to relieve the overflow has been determined to solve the ongoing problem. Denny said we owe Duane a big thanks, he raised most of the funds. Estimated cost for the fence is \$2,320.00. Donations from:

Lake Shelbyville Muskie Club	\$100.00
Quad County Hawg Hunters	\$500.00
Midwest Musky Club	\$500.00
Lorin Nevling	\$100.00
IL Muskie Tournament Trail	\$250.00
Shabbona Lake Sportsman Club	\$500.00

Total raised: \$1,950.00
Leaves \$370.00 to raise in donations.

Clint said there is serious money in the fence and the results are impressive. He stated that a fish 15 – 16 inches cost \$16.00. Clint volunteered the \$370.00 if needed for the spillway. Duane feels he can get more money.

Rich suggested donation jars like the ones for walleye collected by Lakeside Bait and The Camp Store. The funds raised by the walleye jars go directly to the Shabbona Lake Sportsman Club to purchase walleye every year.

Joe asked if anyone has approached businesses to donate. Spencer said it helps to have a project to ask for donations.

The rearing ponds were discussed. Joe said that Bob Smith had not been out yet. Cost of repairs would be \$5,750.00. Spencer had lengthy conversation with DeKalb County Community Foundation. They are looking for these kind of projects. Andy said the Houghtby pond top rings needs to be repaired before winter. Joe said you can push it away. Denny said Fish America invested in it and he will contact them.

The pond by the conservation officer house is too shallow and the birds eat the fry.

Spencer suggested doing both ponds with one grant. Everyone liked this idea. Spencer will continue conversations with the DeKalb County Community Foundation.

Joe said that he and Water Resources will have to sign off on pond repairs.

Rich said that Ken Klodfelder, fish biologist, is retiring. The new incoming biologist will speak at the November 1, 2015, Sportsman Club meeting. Duane said he is someone who cares and will talk to you. Everyone was invited to the meeting.

Denny made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is Thursday, December 3, 2015, 7:00 P.M. at the Resource Bank Schoolhouse.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Sands
Secretary