

*Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park
Thursday, November 3, 2016
7:00 PM, Resource Bank Schoolhouse*

Spencer opened the meeting. Attending: Spencer Meyer, Tim Pierce, Joe Lenkaitis, Denny Sands, Rich McElligott, Clint Sands, Duane Landmeier and Kathy Sands. Not in attendance: Tim Tausch, Mike Tuma and Larry Kimpan.

Tim made the motion to approve the agenda. Rich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Spencer called Kyler Excavating, who said they would start in the next 2 to 3 weeks and at least get the drain pipe done this year. We need to be sure and take pictures of the project. Weather has delayed this project.

Joe received the approval today for the trail bridge over the lake's spillway. Joe said the project would be starting immediately and expecting it to be completed this year. Spencer reminded the board that \$1,200.00 is earmarked for this project. Joe is looking for scaffolding to use. Spencer mentioned that this is a non-fishing project.

Spencer and Denny explained that 33 letters were sent out to members who had not paid their yearly dues. We received 3 back with their dues payment, totaling \$325.00. We have a board member who has not paid his dues and missed several meetings. Rich will speak with him.

One load of big rock was dropped along the barrier fence to help with the erosion problem. Denny suggested that the rock needs to be moved into place and Kyler Excavating could do that. There was discussion of possibly needing more rock.

Denny explained the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$17,593.14. \$12,000.00 (DeKalb County Community Foundation grant) is dedicated to the

rearing pond project. \$1,200.00 is earmarked for the trail bridge project. \$150.00 is earmarked for the turn around sign project plants. That leaves \$4,243.14 in uncommitted money. We had 2 new members sign up since our last meeting.

Clint spoke about the Walleye Fund Bucket. Since the biologist said there is no need for restocking of walleye this year, the bucket sign (Walleye Restocking donations) has been changed to "Donations to help the park". The donations totaled \$1,519.40. Clint said that there is an additional \$200.00 more, as of now, to be added in the total. He also said that the donations are down. He was asked why and he explained that the fishing contests participation is down. He stated that publishing the dates may have kept fisherman away with the fear that the lake is too busy on those days. There was discussion of a monthly species contest instead of just over a weekend. Clint said that his regular customers donate regularly, sometimes dropping \$20.00.

Volunteers from Monsanto working in the park on projects resulted in a \$1,000.00 check from DonateWell. Spencer recognized and thanked Duane for getting Monsanto involved. Spencer will send a thank you to A.J. Vosika at Monsanto.

Joe said that volunteers from the organization, Good, Done, Great worked hard and are good people. Duane asked Joe if there is a list of companies/organizations we could tap into. Joe said yes. Kathy suggested that we should invite these large companies to join Friends.

Scheduling the completion of the privies and swing sets project was discussed. Tim suggested that our organization should set work days and asking Monsanto for volunteers again to complete these projects next spring. He also suggested feeding the volunteers, like Rock Fest does, will help bring in volunteers. Tim said all the privies had been cleaned and were ready to paint. Joe is storing the paint for the projects.

There was discussion that we may not need to ask the musky clubs to help with funding for the erosion problem with the barrier fence.

Denny brought up grading the sledding hill. Joe will look into it.

Kathy suggested putting Friends information on the back of the large sign by the main concession building. Joe spoke about having Join Friends signs at the boat launch and campground. He will work on these.

Rich asked that the park consider installing a parking lot for 4 to 5 cars by the bridge where a culvert is for bird watchers, hikers and fishermen.

Joe spoke about creating an archery range. Locations were discussed. Joe would like it to be east of the park office. The area needs to be cleared. A tree line along the road would need to be planted. Everyone is excited about this project.

Duane asked about a couple of signs that do not look so good. Joe said to look in a few weeks.

Denny and Rich spoke about Dave, the fish biologist, building big fish cribs and using big trees for the lake. Clint offered his pontoon with no sides to dump these in the lake.

Tim made a motion to approve the August 2, 2016 minutes. Rich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 7:00 PM, at the Shabbona Resource Bank Schoolhouse. (Changed to Thursday, January 19th.)

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Sands, Secretary*

