

*Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park
January 19, 2017 Meeting 7:00 PM
Resource Bank Schoolhouse*

Spencer opened the meeting.

Those attending were Larry Kimpan, Clint Sands, Spencer Meyer, Denny Sands, Tim Pierce, Duane Landmeier, Mike Tuma and Kathy Sands. Not in attendance: Tim Tausch, Rich McElligott and Joe Lenkaitis.

Kyler Excavating has started the prep work. He wasn't able to put the pipe in due to the amount of rain over the last week.

Friends received \$500.00 from the Mullins Foundation through the DeKalb County Community Foundation that is earmarked for repairs to the kids fishing pond in the campground.

Spencer wrote a thank you to AJ from Monsanto's volunteering program. Friends received \$1,000.00 from the volunteer program.

Denny explained the Treasurer's Report. Cash balance is \$18,600.23, with \$15,576.49 earmarked for designated projects. That leaves available funds of \$3,023.74, of which \$700.00 will pay this year's Directors and Officers Liability Insurance.

The Give Local fundraiser that is held in May, was discussed and Friends will participate again this year.

It was decided to hold the stocking fund over until the next available stocking date is determined.

A membership dues letter will be sent out in March for the upcoming April 1, 2017 renewal date. A return Friend addressed, stamped envelope will be

included with the membership dues letter. An updated brochure will also be included in this mailing.

It was decided to set a work day with a rain date for each month April through November. Dates and times will vary to include after work hours and weekends. The idea is to be inclusive so all that would want to participate have the opportunity. The privies will be the first project to finish on these work days. Mike and Tim, along with Monsanto volunteers worked well as a team. Mike will notify the Monsanto volunteers when they have a date set.

Clint will speak with Joe about a quote to replace the boat launch privy. The smell of the privies was discussed with ideas how to improve this situation.

Kathy presented information on behalf of Joe.

Joe asked for input on where to place two Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park. The board decided on one at the public boat launch and the second one at the Campground shower building.

Joe said the DNR Heavy Equipment Crew is looking for projects. He is going to have them make the repairs to the campground kids fishing pond.

The planks came in for the spillway bridge repair. Joe will contact Friends when he needs the hardware for the spillway bridge. Friends is paying for the hardware.

Joe and his staff are clearing brush the front northwest corner at the intersection of Preserve and Shabbona Road to the entrance to the park. A large Shabbona Lake State Park sign will be posted at that intersection. This is also the area where the potential bike pathway will enter into the State Park.

Joe would like to have someone maintain the fishing line recepticals that have become trash cans. Several ideas were discussed, including Boy Scouts taking it over.

Joe has some ideas about improving the sledding hill, including slightly changing the direction of the hill.

The new archery range will be north of Bluebird Lane. He has the culvert and is waiting for the parking lot permit. When he has that, he will core out

the parking lot and gravel it. There will be a 10, 20 and 30 yard archery ranges. The board is excited to have this addition to the park.

The barrier fence still needs more rock. Clint and his staff did clear the fence recently. He will check on it next week and send an update.

Clint said he spoke with Joe about the small Shabbona Lake State Park brown sign on 39, as compared to the enormous Rock Cut State Park sign near Rockford. Shabbona Lake will be getting a bigger brown sign on 39.

Board elections will be coming up in April.

The public boat launch pier was discussed. Mike said he thinks he can get fire hose to put around the outside of the pier. Clint will get a price for cleats.

The public boat launch light pole was discussed. Clint will follow up on this.

Duane made a motion to approve the November 3, 2016 meeting. Clint seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 7:00 PM at the Resource Bank Schoolhouse.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Sands, Secretary*