

*Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park
February 6, 2018 Meeting, 7:00 PM
Shabbona Resource Bank Schoolhouse*

President Spencer Meyer opened the meeting. Attending: Spencer Meyer, Larry Kimpan, Clint Sands, Tim Pierce, Denny Sands, Evan Ostrander and Kathy Sands. Absent: Duane Landmeier.

A motion to approve the agenda was made, after adding parking lot lights to the agenda, by Spencer and seconded by Mike. Motion passed unanimously.

Two of the three FOSLSP signs have been put up in the park by the park staff and volunteers from Friends. One is on the shower building in the campground. The second is on the backside of the big sign at the main concession building. That one will be moved and put up on the main concession building or the fencing in front of the bait shop door. There is still finish work to be completed there before the sign can be relocated. Brochure holders will be installed near the signs to encourage new membership.

Denny showed the updated Friends brochure that was handed out at the Schaumburg Show. It will also be distributed at the Tinley Show this weekend. The raffle raised \$126.00 at the Schaumburg Show. The raffle will also be promoted at the Tinley Show. Spencer thanked Lakeside Bait for the raffle donations.

The annual expenditure for yearly dues was approved. We have 65 members. It will be conducted by mail, including a return self addressed and stamped envelope for member convenience.

Lee Jennings from Wheaton arrived and attended the meeting.

The five fishing cribs built last year have been placed in the lake. The plan is to build five more this year to place in next year. The state donated sign posts for this project.

Denny spoke about a speed sign and its pricing for the park. The minimum price is running around \$3,000.00. He spoke with Representative Tom Demmer about the possibility of obtaining one through the state. Representative Demmer recently notified Denny that he has one, at no cost, for the park. He thinks it is on wheels. Mike said signs with a strobe makes drivers believe a picture is being taken. Denny said he told Representative Demmer that Friends would put out a press release.

Duane was recognized for his induction into the IMA Hall of Fame.

The park has been collecting quotes for the electric repair and the youth camp pavilion. A electric transformer has been placed 60' from the shelter up the hill from the concession building. This will make it possible for electricity to be supplied to the shelter. None of the shelters within the park have electricity.

There was an extensive discussion about Friends next project, improvements to the Youth Camping area. Joe would like to have two shelters. A 16' x 24' shelter would cost \$12,590.00. A 20' x 36' would cost \$23,000.00. There are two fire pits in the camping area now. The 20 amp electric needs to be upgraded.

Concrete slabs for the shelters, with a fiber mesh and gravel base, will be needed. Duane may be able to help with the concrete. Friends will apply for a DeKalb County Community Foundation Grant this fall for this project. Spencer and Denny have already approached DCCF at another meeting. DCCF representatives liked it because of the variety of groups that use that site. Friends will need to acquire letters of support from the groups that use the

site, the Youth Fishing League, etc. that would be included in the grant application.

Denny presented the Treasurer's Report. \$700.00 was spent on hardware for the spillway bridge repair. Quad County donated \$500.00 for rock to repair the creek barrier to stop erosion. \$500.00 was received from Donatowell (Monsanto volunteers donation program). Cash on hand is \$8,647.59 minus Designated Funds (\$150.00 for flowers, \$2,598.00 from Lakeside Fish Stocking and \$500.00, donated through DCCF from the Mullins Foundation, for Kid's Fishing Pond repair) leaves \$5,399.10 in available funds. Mike made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Tim seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous.

Mike and Tim, along with park staff and Monsanto volunteers will complete the painting project this year. This is a huge improvement to the park privies.

The repaired rearing pond is filled. The park is letting it sit to see if any leaks occur. The Biologist plans to put Red Ear breeders in and see what kind of return there is this year.

Friends will sign up again for the May 3rd Give Dekalb County Fund Raiser. Whatever is donated through this fundraiser, to our organization, receives a matching percentage. Last year we received \$1045.00. Clint will check into option levels for the fund raiser.

Joe is planning on new docks. Bumpers will be installed on the public dock at the marina over the winter.

The upper and lower barrier fence will be checked for damage after thaw out. The barrier fence has held up.

Clint suggested that Friends buy a timer for boat ramp light. The biggest complaint is about the light timer stops working when the power goes out.

There is an electrician who has offered to install a light he has at no charge. A bucket truck would be needed. Clint will send information to Joe and Joe will look into it. A motion was made by Clint for the light repair at a cost of \$250.00. A roll call vote passed unanimously.

Tim made a motion to approve the November 11, 2017, minutes. Clint seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 7:00 PM at the Shabbona Resource Bank Schoolhouse.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Sands*