

*Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park
June 15, 2016 Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
Shabbona Resource Bank Schoolhouse*

Spencer Meyers, President, opened the meeting. Attending were Rich McElligott, Mike Tuman, Dag Grada, Denny Sands, Duane Landmeier, Joe Lenkaitis, Spencer Meyers, Tim Pierce and Kathy Sands. Not attending were Tim Tausch and Clint Sands.

Spencer thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

So far this year we have elected Officers and Directors, completed the park sign beautification project, raised \$1,575.37 in the Give Local DeKalb County fund raising drive and received a \$12,000.00 grant for the rearing pond project. Spencer sent thank you notes to the two companies that donated plants for the sign beautification project. Denny thanked Spencer for all the work he put into the DeKalb County Community Foundation grant for the rearing pond.

Denny presented the Treasurer's report. He mentioned that Spencer paid \$50.00 for Friends to join the DeKalb County Partners group. Spencer stated that he felt it would improve our chances for the DCCF grant. Spencer also donated \$150.00 to the Flower Fund. Due to the donations for the sign project, it was decided to use the unused \$150.00 Spencer donated for future purchases of bushes or plants. The current checkbook balance is \$14,805.91. \$12,000.00 is designated for the rearing pond project to be completed sometime over the next several months.

Membership dues and donations were discussed. We have 31 old members that have not renewed. Membership dues notices were sent out by email and again under the Give Local fundraising event. It was decided to send a letter, considering that the email may have gone to spam. Spencer will write a letter. Denny and Kathy will send them out.

Denny said he had already sent receipts and thanks to the Give Local fundraising event members and donators.

Mike Tuman is the new Vice President. He was officially appointed by the Board of Directors.

Mike spoke about the donation of paint from True Value for the privies. The color is off white semi gloss. He has the pressure washer and paint sprayer. Mike, his grandsons, and Tim will start painting the privies on Tuesday, June 21. Duane said that Monsanto will provide volunteers for projects. Duane emailed a Monsanto contact about volunteering to do the taping for the privy project while at the meeting. Joe said the park could help with the cleaning preparation for painting.

Mike's contact with True Value has gone to Corporate about the silver primer paint for the swing sets. Mike said he has sanders, pressure washer, etc to prepare for the painting of the swing sets. Oil based paint will be used for this project.

Rich mentioned that he would like to have a sign posted about the boat launch repair project recognizing the ISA for the matching grant. Mike volunteered to make the sign to be put up at the boat launch. Rich will send Mike the information for the sign.

Tim asked about painting the parks' birdhouses and asked how many were in the park. The seeable bird houses may be painted when the privies are.

Tim stated that the park grounds look great. Joe said he appreciated Tim's comment.

Duane asked about painting the size limit sign. Joe said they are getting that done.

Joe mentioned that a storage building is being brought to the park from another site. Mike Tuman is sending Joe information on a large shed for about \$6,000.00.

Scheduling the rearing pond project with Kyler Excavating and Joe was discussed. Joe will meet with Kyler. Denny suggested that pipe, valve and etc for the project be purchased now, so that it is ready to go when the project can start. Everyone agreed that is a good plan.

After discussion, Rich made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Pokanoka's Trail Run/Walk group. Tim seconded. A roll call vote passed unanimously.

New projects were discussed:

1 - Duane suggested the musky fence in the creek below the dam. Several ideas were discussed. Some of the ideas were: Duane spoke about 3,600 lb cement block to shore up the bank and sides of the fence that cost \$60.00 each, but he could get them for \$40.00 each. He knows someone who has a semi that can carry 15 of the blocks at a time. The cost of the semi would be \$95.00 an hour. Mike mentioned jersey barriers that the highway department uses. Joe will have an architect look at it. The architect is scheduled to be in the park sometime next week. Duane said he knows the muskie clubs will donate. Denny suggested a deadline for this project proposal by the next meeting, August 2, 2016.

2 - Joe would like to have the dam bridge repaired. He will put together a list of supplies. Spencer offered to make calls to see what and how much Friends can receive in donated materials to complete this project.

3 - Roofing materials for a storage building, privies, and shelters within the park are a great need right now. The storage building has a tarp on it. Some privies have holes. Joe said it will start being necessary to close some of them. Tim mentioned having ADA privies. If someone from the ADA

community were to complain about not having them in the park, the state would get right on this. Joe said he would have to do research on it. Friends will attempt to find a way to get these materials donated.

4 - Painting the electrical boxes at each campsite.

5 - Joe mentioned the handicap trail needs work done.

6 - Drudge the Kid's pond. Denny said that he has had a conversation with a guy from Monsanto about this project. He has sent a membership form to him for Monsanto to join Friends, so far, no response.

Kathy made a motion to approve the minutes April 7, 2016, meeting taken by Tim Pierce. Duane seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Kathy thanked Tim for taking the minutes in her absence.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 7:00 P.M. Shabbona Resource Bank Schoolhouse.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Sands, Secretary