

Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park
August 30, 2017 Meeting, 7:00 PM
Shabbona Resource Bank Schoolhouse

Spencer opened the meeting. Attending: Spencer Meyer, Clint Sands, Duane Landmeier, Denny Sands, Mike Tuma, Evan Ostrander, Joe Lenkaitis and Kathy Sands. Absent: Tim Pierce. Rich McElliott, member attending.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mike. Evan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Denny Sands, delivered a check to Joe at the state park office, in the amount of \$700.00, for the purchase of the hardware for the spillway project.

The rearing pond repair project is complete. The pond is currently being filled and is about half full. Joe said the rearing pond looks really nice. There is work left to be done with the drain. Using caged rock was suggested as was pouring a cement pad and using the guy that poured the boat launch area project. Spencer said that when that when the project is done, it will be easier to obtain grants for more projects from DCCF. An article, about the rearing pond, written with the DeKalb County Community Foundation has been published. It was determined to submit the article to other news outlet including IL Outdoor, our website, and others. Joe will send Denny a link.

Cleats were installed on the public boat launch by Friends board members, Mike Tuma, Tim Pierce and Clint Sands. Denny said that he has heard positive feedback about the cleats.

There have been requests for more stable boat docks and replacement of the dock is a priority. There was discussion concerning fishing from the docks can make it difficult to unload and load boats. A suggestion was made to rout into the docks, signage stating, "Boats have priority".

The park has started collecting quotes for adding electric to the shelters and the youth camp pavilion. One quote came in at \$8,000.00. Spencer suggested A DCCF grant because the shelters are used by groups that DCCF would be supportive of. Spencer will get started on the grant for the youth camp pavilion.

The park staff spent several days clearing the bank around the Kids Pond. Joe said the pond repair is scheduled for after Labor Day. The project is still scheduled for the state heavy equipment crew. There was discussion of adding a pier for easier fishing for kids.

The privy painting project will continue and will be finished next spring. Joe said they really look nice. Mike will send Clint info to put on Friends website and Facebook. Monsanto has been a great resource to this project and other projects within the park.

Joe spoke about the archery and dove hunting project. The targets will be added tomorrow. Signage will be installed. Kathy will meet with the school superintendent to inform him of the archery area that could be used for PE or possibly an archery team. Blacktopping the new archery/dove parking lot could be a project for Friends.

Clint asked about skeet shooting. Joe said that was a possibility.

Several families really enjoyed the 20 person canoe Joe was able to have at the park for the 4th of July. Kathy sat The Camp Store and told campers about riding in the canoe. Everyone was happy to have a free activity offered by the park.

Installing the dock bumpers Mike had donated will be installed after the docks are removed for the winter. Joe said the park has screws for the installation. Mike will coordinate this project. He suggested this would be a good time to rout the piers with "Boats have priority".

Joe has a meeting next week for an estimate to consider crack fill for the park roads. They will test a few spots. Spencer informed Joe that is what his company makes.

Joe, park staff and volunteers from Monsanto shoveled out 148 fire pits. Monsanto did a great job and were excited to be part of repairs to the park. Duane suggested that Monsanto should be recognized with a plaque. Joe will speak with Monsanto about a plaque.

Permanently hanging a Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park sign in the park was discussed. Joe would like to see a mock of the sign. Kathy and Denny will meet with Banner Up.

Clint will check the light at the public boat launch to see if it is working.

Denny presented the Treasurer's Report. Checkbook balance is \$7,387.08, minus \$2,876.49 for Designated Funds, leaves a balance of \$4,510.59 in Available Funds. Denny spoke about the FOSLSP brochures to encourage new membership were passed out to each car entering for the July 4th Fireworks. He also attended the Youth Fishing League end of the year meeting where he passed out the brochure to every family. The response, from both efforts, was discouraging. Joe said he had one at the office. Some other ideas to increase membership were discussed. A motion was made by Mike to approve the Treasurer's Report. Clint seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Duane said there is a guy who would like to help with the barrier fence financially. He buys all the food for a Maple Lane Farm event.

Duane there is a sign underwater that can't be seen in the lily pads that needs attention.

Joe said five benches made from recycled milk jugs are being installed this year. Benches cost \$900.00, with plaque \$1,200.00. Duane said there is company in Cortland that makes benches. Joe is going to contact them.

A motion was made by Clint to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2017, meeting. Mike seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 14, 2017,
at 7:00 PM in the Shabbona Resource Bank
Schoolhouse.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Sands, Secretary