



**The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.*** was called to order on Friday, August 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Oakland Art Gallery (Turkey Hall). Present were board members: Celia Scott, Karen Roberson, Deb Gray, John Robertson, Steve Kennerly, Leslye Wing, Landa Baily and Midge McGinnis. Mike Burke and Tom Wing were also in attendance. Guests in attendance were Bridget Gallegos and a couple of her neighbors.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **English Settlement School – Kinsman Grant**

Kinsman Grant request has been submitted! We are hoping to be successful in obtaining this grant as it will cover the interior restoration of the school. County Parks is in support of this project.

### **Board Discussion for Projects at Kanipe**

Ideas were discussed including working with County on improved road signage to the park, Improving a trail to go between day use area and campground (and past the pond) that would be useable year round (non-equestrian) and resurrecting an old project to try and replant some of the orchard trees in the day use area. We will be looking to find a volunteer project leader for the orchard project.

### **Guest Register – Day Use Area**

Folks are signing the register in the day use area! We will be collecting the pages and sending copies to Park Director. Great comments on the sheets we have pulled to date.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Trail Dash**

This year's Trail Dash was a huge success once again! Sadly, however, if we are to have one in 2018, we need to find someone who will 'run with it'. Prior chair and co-chair will be happy to advise new chair's, but will not be able to organize it in 2018.

## **Rack Brochure**

The County was having some 'rack' brochures made up. The one for Kanipe showed the campground, but without the newly planted trees. We have sent them a new photo to use. In the meantime, the County Parks department website has some PDF brochures on line! Including one for Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park.

## **Lowe's Hero Project**

We had submitted a request to Lowe's to help with a playground, however, due to staff changes at Lowe's in the last few months, this 'grant' seems to have been cancelled.

## **Playground**

This idea was discussed in more detail today. We had hoped the Lowe's Hero Project would have been a source of funding. We will look for other grants that might supply the funding to install a small playground (perhaps nothing more than one or two items...ie: rope climbing). Will work through costs, grants and county approvals/requirements over the next few months. Most likely location would be the day use area.

## **Suggestions from Guests**

A couple of suggestions were made by our guests today:

Photos – apparently we have some endangered species wandering about in the park and they would like to see some of them captured in photos....looking for someone with a high powered lens.

Peacock Feeding – suggested placing a vending machine at park that would dispense appropriate feed for the peacocks ...like those frequently found in zoos, some parks, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

### **EVENT DATES**

September 28, 2017

Adopt A Highway – Day Use Area

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting – Friday, September 15, 2017 – Turkey Hall, Oakland – 10 a.m.