



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order on Friday, April 10 via ZOOM teleconferencing at 10:30 a.m.. Present were board members: Karen Roberson, Leslye Wing, Deb Gray and Midge McGinnis. Mike Burke attended representing Celia Scott. Guest speaker – Ron McMullin. Steve Kennerly was unavailable.

AGENDA ITEMS

Presentation by Ron McMullin

Ron is a frequent hiker at the park and has been hiking all the trails and gave us a great review of the status of the various trails. (we are including a map so that you have a reference regarding his findings):

Mildred Forest Trail – Ron said he saw a lot of downed trees and lots of hazardous trees adjacent to the trail, mostly on the north and west, with pockets of dead trees to the point where he was concerned about where he stood. Leslye Wing agreed that the middle trail, through the woods (yellow) is impassable, however, the ‘official’ trail (green) is okay now..Deb agreed that it was clear when she road it around 3/19/20. (green trail).

Underwood Hill Trail – Very south end of trail there are a lot of trees that you have to either go over or around. Leslye Wing stated that Oregon Equestrian Trails did a lot of work on this trail and it is now clear except for one very large oak tree. Deb also road this trail around 3/19/20 and it was clear.

Fern Woods Trail – Ron does not know why county is trying to log this area. Forest looks nice. There are several standing dead trees along the trail that should be felled and there are a small number of down trees from the snow storm. The snow down trees that were across the trail have all been cut out. He doesn’t believe the cost of putting in a logging road could be covered by value of timber. Putting in a logging road could not be covered by value of timber. When county was questioned they said it was for emergencies and storm damaged timber removal. Director was also disgruntled that we were asking again as he had told us this plan a year go.

Oak Savannah Trail – Very few conifers in this area. Very nice trail

Ron said a bigger concern is drainage on many of the trails. Leslye agreed, but said there has never been any organization that stepped forward to tackle this issue. Perhaps there is a group/school that would like to take this on and do some work on drainage. Deb

Gray knows someone who might be willing to tackle this with a school group. She will check.

Ron recently noticed that there was some 'trenching' being done from the school house up to entrance way to campground, behind Underwood barn then up behind pavilion. He asked some workers at the site what it was for and was told 'phone line'. This is confusing to us why a phone line was going in. It maybe lines to control water pumps..

Additional Information regarding trails/forest:

Karen also received an article regarding scotch broom. This is more of a fire hazard at park then trees. (copy attached).

Currently Park Department is working with FEMA to obtain grants to fund the new 'road' they would like to put thru the park to the Fern Woods Trail area. To date, we have heard that FEMA goes back and forth as to whether this is covered by FEMA.

Our biggest challenge is to convince the county to stop considering logging and look at Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park as a PARK, not a source of income. Even if county logged a portion of park, the funds would have to stay with the park...they could not be used to fund other parks.

UPDATES

Manure Spreader – We have a donation in the wings of a antique manure spreader, however, we are waiting on a letter from county releasing Friends from any liability is someone gets injured on it. Also need metal panels moved. Right now this is on hold due to COVID-19.

Grant – We have applied for a grant for school house.. Grantor does not announce recipients until August.

Logs – We have only had one response to our offer of the logs we received many years ago. Phoenix School MIGHT be interested if they come up with a project for the park.

LIVING HISTORY DAY

Due to COVID-19, Oakland's Living History Day has been cancelled, therefore, Friends will not be having a booth at this event.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Rita Prothero has hosted the Adopt-A-Highway program for several years. There was a cleanup scheduled for Monday, April 27th. However, due to COVID-19 , we are skipping

this one so that volunteers are not at risk. Hopefully, by next one in September we can get out together!

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ZOOM and Teleconferencing.

Thanks to Deb Gray and Karen Roberson, we have found a way to keep in touch via teleconferencing. This meeting was held via ZOOM. Free useage can only run for 40 minutes, which is not really sufficient for our meetings. Leslye Wing made a motion to purchase the \$14.99 a month version until we can meet in person again. It was seconded by Karen Roberson. Deb Gray will work on getting is set up for our futures meeting(s)

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m..

NEXT MEETING

Friday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. – via ZOOM teleconference.

UPCOMING DATES

4/27/20	Adopt A Highway – CANCELLED
5/15/20	Next Board Meeting via teleconference call
6/13 & 14	Living History Days in Oakland – CANCELLED
9/21/20	Adopt A Highway