



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order on Friday, June 12th via ZOOM teleconferencing at 10:30 a.m.. Present were board members: Karen Roberson, Leslye Wing, Deb Gray, Mike Burke and Midge McGinnis. Steve Kennerly joined us via phone.

AGENDA ITEMS

Oak Woodland

A regular meeting of the Oak Woodland group will be held on the 16th. As Deb probably will not be able to attend, Mike, Karen, Midge and Leslye all said they would try and make it (Zoom call). Deb forwarded the link to us. We want to confirm 'tour' for the 21st of July. They would like someone from our group to give a short presentation on tour day. Karen and Deb will work on a 'written' presentation so that whoever can go on the tour will be able to do the presentation.

Farm Equipment Donation

Steve found a local resident with several antique pieces of farm equipment. The owner was willing to donate them to the park. After much discussion, it was decided that we cannot take advantage of this donation for many reasons (finding a place to store it, working with county get permission to move equipment to park, moving it to park etc.).

Contacting County regarding some open items

Several months ago we contacted county about accepting the donation of an antique manure spreader. We received an okay to move it to equipment shed, however, a promised release letter has not yet been received (we will remind county of this release). Also some metal panels (fencing) are currently stored in the equipment shed and need to be moved for manure spreader. County said they would probably auction them off, however, no auction to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant for School House

A few months ago we submitted a grant request to C. Giles Hunt for the school house. We are not due to hear back until August. Discussed what we will do if we receive it and 'social distancing' is still required, which would make it difficult to obtain a contractor and for the work to be done. Decided to just wait until we hear back. If we are fortunate enough to receive it, we may ask the county to 'manage' it or ask if we can have an extension on time to complete.

Hawthorn

A potential new board member is a regular visitor to the park and sent us an email stating "areas that had mechanical removal of black hawthorn are resprouting at a good rate. Might be a good time to start talking about maintenance treatments" He also mentioned a forest pathology person was going to check it out. While Friends might not be in a position to assist with physical labor, we would be willing to consider financially support any efforts to help eradicate/control this noxious weed.

We also discussed advising Friends members who regularly hike/ride at the park to take along some clippers and trim back hawthorn, poison oak, blackberries, etc. that are encroaching on the trails. Since to date all Poker Rides have been cancelled, the regular clearing of trails for them has not happened. Will make this suggestion via this minutes distribution. Also suggested posting something on our Facebook page.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, July 24th at 10:30 a.m. – hoping to hold it in day use area at Park....otherwise Zoom. Will make final decision closer to meeting date.