



MINUTES

Friday, May 31, 2024

Attendees: Mike Burke, Deb Gray, Ron McMullin, Karen Roberson, Midge McGinnis..
Absent – Steve Kennerly, Lesley Wing and Rene Burk. **Guests:** Jill Talburt and Kathy Turner.

PARK DEPARTMENT AND OUR MONTHLY EVENTS – The Parks department has our list of monthly events and Deb will continue to remind them about each event prior to posting them on Facebook (communicating with Jennifer, as Mark Wall requested).

PLUMB AND SCHOOL HOUSE – Ron has checked the plumb and it has moved slightly. He plans on putting a mark on floor so that we can more easily see changes. May or may not be simply change in ground during rainy season.

DAY USE GATE – There have been some recent situations where the Day Use Gate was not open...we believe this is nothing more than host not getting there on time

BIRD WATCHING EVENT – This was a great success and there are plans to do a repeat event (Deb will touch base with them).

GEOCACHE EVENT - The Geocache Event was on the same day as the Audubon bird walk, making for lots of activity! We are thrilled with 'peacock' medallion honoring Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park! Sutherlin-Oakland Area Chamber of Commerce coordinated with the Geocachers to create this year's coin celebrating Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park. Here is a message received from the Chamber on Facebook-- "We are so proud to celebrate the Park, Mildred and the Incredible and dedicated work of the Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park!!!!"

NATURE TRAIL (South Loop) – Another workday is planned (6/7 – 8 a.m.) to do some more work on this trail. Ron will drop Kelly at park a note so that they are aware of this work party.

MISCELLAENOUS ITEMS:

Orchard Event – Suggested by Rene that is be done in August. Have added this to our event list. Will need to send the updated list to Jennifer at the Parks Department (Deb will handle).

Arborist Contacts – Still working this. Should be informal visits by arborists to see orchard and prepare estimates for us (which would then be run by county). Karen still trying to contact arborist that she knows. Hopes to be able to talk to him about Park Orchard when he is out to work on her trees.

Buggy at 4th of July Parade – Oakland Mayor, Bette Keehley, suggested that we bring the Mildred Kanipe Buggy to 4th of July parade. We were happy to do it last year, but because of it's age, we think it is better not to try to transport it into Oakland again.

Trail Committee: Leslye was unable to attend the board meeting but sent this report from the Trail Committee: Jill Talburt (now leading the trail committee) sat down with Mark (Wall) and discussed our trail proposal. Mark said we could not bring in gravel or equipment and any grants had to be written by them (Parks Dept). He did give the OK for us to remove the fence on the west side of the south creek crossing where the mud is thick as the trail goes through the gate. A work party to remove that fence is planned for June 19th.

OTHER ITEMS:

Hawthorn Class – Shelby Filley hosted a ‘class’ on Hawthorne that Mike Burke and Karen Roberson attended. Apparently the English Settlement area (where the park is located) is the center point for this noxious weed! Very good info at ‘class’ However, there did not appear to be anyone from the county present. There are grants available, and hawthorne is on a ‘B’ list which means state considers Hawthorne a significant threat that needs to be targeted for control. This is what B list states: “A weed of economic importance which is regionally abundant, but which may have limited distribution on some counties. Recommended action: Limited to intensive control at the state, county or regional level as determined on a site specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.”

Painting of School House – This something that really needs to be done before winter! Suggestion discussed about a volunteer work group taking care of this with Friends supplying paint and a paint sprayer.

Guest comments: Jill Talburt shared her opinion that all trail work should be coordinated through the equestrian group. She also expressed her feelings about memorials in the park. Additionally, she reported about her meeting with Parks Director, Mark Wall.

Park Event Hosted by Friends: The following events are tentatively and/or confirmed for the park:

June – June 15th – Stream Simulator (confirmed)

July – ~~Farm yard focus~~ – May have a replacement

August – Orchard Tour – Rene to give tour, Karen to bring Apple Press (demo only), Friends to supply apple cider and cookies

September – Open – See August

October – History tour

November – Hike (general)

December – Nothing planned. Collect scions from trees for grafting?

NEXT Meeting and Upcoming Events:

June 15, 2024 – Stream Simulator Demo

June 28, 2024 – Next Meeting – 10 a.m. in Day Use Area

August - Orchard Tour – Rene to give tour, Karen to bring Apple Press (demo only),
Friends to supply apple cider and cookies

September 23, 2024 – Adopt a Highway

~~October 25, 2024 – Sheepdog Trials~~ Unfortunately, this event will not be happening
Woofstock & Music Off Central (dates?)

DONATIONS

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Park, please use the QR code below which will direct you to Better World
donation site! THANK YOU.

