Shelby County Park District

Board Meeting

Meeting 1/31/2023

Cara Kellersmith\_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_ Jessie McCoy\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_\_ Noah Ganson\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_\_

Others in attendance: Dee Monnin, Brian Monnin. Carol Hemmert, Tricia Zell, Shannon Petitjean, Alex Kellersmith

***Old Business***:

**Renner Sanctuary:** The barn construction was completed in November. We had many volunteers and Alex Kellersmith did an amazing job organizing the groups, finding volunteers, and guiding the project. A huge thank you goes out to Alex and his many volunteers for building the barn at Renner.

A special thank you to Hemmert Concrete for your kind donation and beautiful concrete work – the barn floor and porch look amazing!

**Bornhorst Woods:** The display board was hung and posts were painted. The plaques were also finished, and concrete display forms were made. The plaques were placed under the white and read oak trees,

***Other Old Business:***

Dr. Cara Kellersmith was sworn in for another 3 years as Park Commission by Judge Beigel on January 17th, , 2023.

***New Business***:

We are at that point in the year where we look ahead to what we would like to accomplish at each park this year. Here is a list of projects we would like to work on at each park this year.

**Renner Sanctuary:**

* Talked to commissioners about sending their engineer out to look at the pond that is washed out.
  + Have not heard back from them, need to check in and check progress.
    - Follow up with commissioners in the spring
* Dee and Brian Monnin have been building bird houses to replace those that are weathered.
* Shannon volunteered to try to restore and fix some of the houses they are taking down.

*What we would like to do at Renner:*

Continue replacing old bird houses with new

-summer book trail in top portion of the park

-bridge?

**-** Picnic tables for the covered portion of the barn

- Spring project: clear out the small trees and brush behind the pond to return it to meadow.

**Bornhorst Woods:**

*What we would like to do at Bornhorst Woods*

* Repaint entry sign
* Finish cleaning up grave yard and put landscape fabric and mulch down to keep weeds/growth down
  + Find out from a historic society how to best repair and clean stones.
* Bench by the graveyard
* Mulch around trees that go down drive and put landscaping fabric down

**Lockington Dam:**

**Fire Inspector:** Jessie and Cara met with the fire inspector. All was well, but we need to replace our fire extinguisher and get it inspected/tagged

Discussed our lease at Lockington with an attendee and why the Park District chose to only lease the bottom portion of the land.

*What we would like to do at Lockington Dam*

* Clear out the trees and growth in the drainage area
* Clean out the barn…get rid of stuff we no longer need

**Hardin Park:**

*What we would like to do at Hardin:*

*-*fill display board

-clean up beds and put down mulch

**Other Business**

* **Fire Extinguisher – need to approve the purchase of a new fire extinguisher**

**Cara moves to approve the purchase of 2 new fire extinguishers and inspection tags and Noah 2nds the motion.**

**Need to pay our property taxes: Full year balance payment of $30.53**

* + **Noah moves to pay our taxes for the full year for a total of $30.52 and Cara seconds the motion.**

**Need to pay PEP insurance $2,802.71**

**Cara moves to approve the PEP payment for insurance in the amount of $2,802.71 and Jessie seconds the motion.**

* **A home school group would like to volunteer in either March or April. Dee Monnin volunteered to lead them around to help at one of our area parks.**

**Executive Session**

**-Farm lease – need to look at the Department of Ag to see current rental rates**

Next Meeting: February 28th at Culvers in Sidney at 6:30 pm