



## August 2023 Operations Department Board Notes

### **BOWEN NATURE PRESERVE**

- The outhouse that was moved from GHNP has been repaired and repainted. It will be anchored down in its new location behind the house.
- The side entrance porch boards have been purchased and will be reconstructed in August.
- Downed trees from the storms have been cleaned up and trails reopened.

### **STEYER NATURE PRESERVE**

- Safety rails were built for the red hay wagon as well as a set of steps in preparation for the Family Fun Event on August 12.
- Trail overgrowth was also cut back to ensure a safe ride in the wagon.
- A solar-powered security light was installed on the barn.

### **FRUTH WETLAND NATURE PRESERVE**

- All inspections, including the fire inspection have been completed on the new 4-bay.
- Trees dangerously leaning over the maintenance building have been removed.
- Supplies have been purchased to start insulating and putting up shelves in the 4-bay.

### **GARLO HERITAGE NATURE PRESERVE**

- The stone lot expansion at the lakefront barn is completed.

### **TIFFIN UNIVERSITY NATURE PRESERVE**

- We have taken over mowing, as the TU maintenance staff stopped mowing.

### **ST. JOHN'S MILL RIVER ACCESS**

- ODOT Metroparks funds were just allocated for the next biennium from the state budget. Those funds are planned to be used for the parking lot. M&B will be providing a quote as time allows – they are in the midst of a very busy season.

### **MISC ITEMS**

- Wooden barricades have been constructed to help control traffic when the need arises.
- Metal entry/exit gates will be installed at BNP, GHNP, Upper & Lower Lots at FNP, and SJM in the future for times when parking lots may need to be closed for repairs.
- Standard park maintenance and storm clean up has been the main focus over the last month.