

BROOKS NATURE AREA

July 17, 2025 Agenda:

- A. Approve the minutes May15, 2025 of regular meeting.
- B. Approve the agenda for July 17, 2025
- C. Public Comments. Citizens are to share their comments with us.
- D. Park updates on Monies as 5/31/25: **\$33,369.74**

SPECIAL PROJECTS - FUND BALANCE WORKSHEET		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	Net Rev/Exp	Current
FY 2025						
FOR YEAR END		End Balance	Revenues		Expenditures	
Balance						
THRU 5/31/2025						
404-000-387.40	Fund Balance - Brooks Nature	31,767.70	6,275.05	4,673.01	1,602.04	33,369.74

Expenses:

- 1. Jan Schoenmeyer: deck caps: \$155.51
 - 2. Darwin Gwinn, mowing: \$360.00
 - 3. Amazon, lock for shed: \$21.73
 - 4. KalBlue, signs for Fredonia donations: \$233.34
- \$770.58**

E. Tasks completed:

- 1. Observation deck posts repaired
- 2. Fredonia bench assembled
- 3. Fredonia signs ordered
- 4. Pavilion cleaned/bird-proofed
- 5. Picnic tables refinished
- 6. Parking lot sign board refinished
- 7. Signs replaced in board
- 8. Clover seeding
- 9. Combination lock for shed

F. Work day schedule: (Lauren)

G. Priority items from BNA walk (see page 2)

H. Marshall Community Foundation Account for BNA: (Patty)

I. Invasive species treatment in 2025?

J. Other: (All)

Next meeting, Sept. 18, 2025, 5 pm at Brooks Nature Area pavilion

Adjourn

Any changes/questions, call 269-832-1235

Brooks Nature Area Group Walk
April 29, 2025
6 pm

1. Can wire on north end of the parking lot be dropped for access for drive to other lot?
- ~~2. Combination lock key holder for the shed~~
3. Outside tap for water
4. Electricity to pavilion
5. Tri-display board
 - a. Needs new material
 - b. Needs new plexiglass
- ~~6. Trails mowed to original width~~
7. Remove some cages with mature trees (return cages to Jim Coury)
 - a. Select healthiest tree and cut and remove any others competing with it
8. Remove honeysuckle
9. Discontinue mowing the wide swath to the purple martin house
10. Cool season grass area could be mowed periodically to minimize woody growth
11. Cut willows/other shrubs in select areas along lakeshore for view
12. Remove pines at the east end of the prairie near the observation deck
- ~~13. Repair observation deck posts~~
14. Check "All Trails" to see if BNA trails are on the app
15. Remove downed tree on Lakeshore Loop near vernal pool
- ~~16. Picnic tables need refinishing~~