

**DON ROBINSON STATE PARK**  
**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

Thursday, September 21, 2023, 6pm

Meeting Agenda:

Erik Otto, IRC

(about 2-3 minutes in length)

- Brief Introduction to the Site
- Park, Soils, and Water Sales Tax: parks get half of the dedicated 1/10 of 1% sales tax
- Brief Introduction of staff (all facility staff members present)

Brief description of the park/site history

(about 5-7 minutes in length)

- The mission of Don Robinson State Park is to preserve and interpret the LaBarque Creek Hills' distinctive natural landscape, land forms, native species, and the cultural features that document past human activity, and to provide recreational opportunities that engage visitors with the natural and cultural resources while preserving the scenic wildness of its landscape.
- Don's passing in March 2012, officially owned by the state in 2013, opened Jan. 2017
- Relevant facts and figures (use the park data sheet)
- St. Peter Sandstone formation, diversity of communities, high number of plants, LaBarque Creek Natural Area

Brief Description of completed and/or ongoing projects

(about 5-7 minutes in length)

- Removed faulty urinal from men's restroom and converted to unisex bathrooms
- Eagle Scout project cleaned up SUCA, build new fire ring, made wood border around parking lot
- Well went down due to lightning, had sub drive connect box replaced; well pump may go soon too; added surge arrestor to the system
- Burned Herman's Hilltop BU (51 acres) on March 1 and Southern Knoll BU (6 acres) on March 7
- Invasive Plants managed - lespedeza, sweet clover, Tree of Heaven, Japanese stiltgrass, sugar maple, yucca, cedar, sycamore trees
- In progress project titles for the year – DROB house
- New projects that will be started this year – Emergency Trail Locators, restroom in SUCA, Chinkapin Hill BU expansion to MDC land and burned, maple thinning within Herman's Hilltop BU
- Drinking fountain needs replacement

## Interpretation and Events

- Naturalist Stations in day-use area, Y Rangers, Show Me Summer Camp groups, staff assisted in providing requested programs at Robertsville SP as well as several off-site programs
- Hosted wedding event in spring and another coming up in fall
- Hosted Sierra Club stewardship work days

## Questions from the Public and Discussion