

APRIL 29, 2023 8:30 AM. BRUSH DAY

17 Members gathered to clear out the HUGE brush piles left after Mike and Greg felled the large red oak trees between the existing barns last week. It was necessary to drop trees and move the propane tank to make room for the new barn. Corey Swanson donated his Swanson Excavating equipment to do the heavy lifting and excavating. We saved several thousand dollars with his donation and the work of these guys (mainly older members). We owe Corey a huge THANKS! And thanks to "Miracle Millions" Grant program.

Kip Burger, Pat Peterson, Steve Johnson, Dan White, Denny Manner, Corey Swanson, Skip Schultz, Greg Ruppel, John Hurry, Terry Black, Bill Dixon, Bob Bailey, Russ Kleinhans, Jim Kelts, Mike Bachelder, Tony Wade, Carl Brooks all showed up.

Mike and Bob used their vehicles to haul branches to the chipper. They put in some miles doing it. Somehow I did not get photos of them at work. (If anyone has photos of them or others not included in pictures here, PLEASE send to me.)

Greg was involved with Pat in locating underground wires, Pat unhooked the tank. Corey leveled the sand and the site is now ready for the contractor to start the building. Posts and roof will probably go in first, then the concrete floor. [Photos by Skip, Greg and Walt.]



Kip Burger dragged branches to chipper.



Denny Manner cut up branches to fit the chipper. Greg and John supervised the action.



Corey fed branches all day.



At the back of the huge pile, Steve Johnson cut up logs into movable pieces.



Terry Black helped move branches too,



Walt Sammut watched the excavator make room for chips.



Steve gathered branches for the ATVs to haul to the chipper.



Yes, even John Hurry did his part, even after his recent knee replacement.



As the brush was cleared, the site takes shape.



Propane tanks are now together.



Swanson trucks were all over the site.



Walt dragged branches all day.



Log pieces waiting to be moved.



Rick Swanson, who spent all day in the excavator, moved the stumps into a pile to load on trucks later.



The excavator took down more small pines to make more room for groomers to get through.



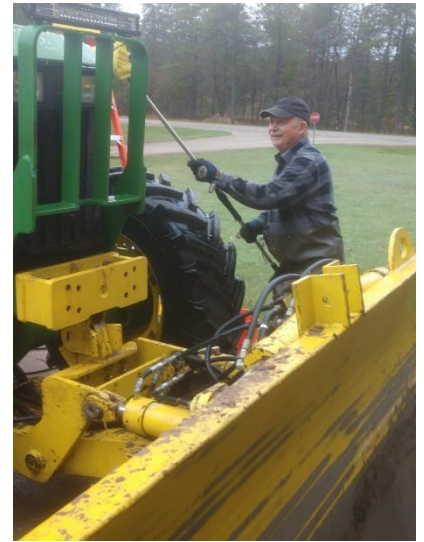
Corey smoothed the sand on the site.



Loading stumps into the trucks.



The 7610 got a bath.



While all the brush work was going on, Russ Kleinhans worked to get the tractor cleaned up from winter grooming grime.



The excavator was able to move piles into the chipper.



The excavator picked up stumps and loaded into the truck.



Carl Brooks piled branches for the ATVs to drag to the chipper.



Pat had to locate the underground wiring before the excavator could remove stumps.



Carl and Tony Wade worked on the piles.



The last of the stumps were moved and the ground leveled.



Bob, Dan, and Corey look things over.



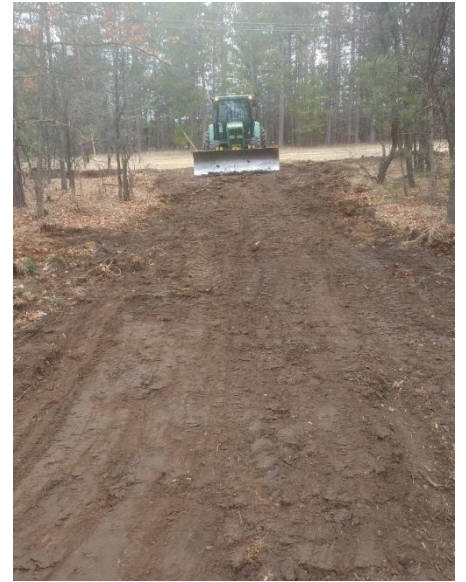
There were a lot of stumps to dig out.



Dan gave the excavating job a thumbs up.



Pat was busy locating wires and unhooking propane tank.



Denny worked on the trail from the power line to the clubhouse area. We defined this trail last year for the Open House / Show. It made it easier to get from parking to the club grounds.



Skip and Greg look over the site at the end of a long day.



Ready to build.



Two piles of chips were left. Denny spread them out.



It sure looks different with the trees gone. Will look even more different when the building goes up.



The building site.