

Thoreson Park Little Free Library (36552)

Repair Report 12-06-2023

Repair on this library began on Saturday December 2, 2023 and was completed on December 6, 2023.

Repairs as directed:

- Door/hinge repair needed, move handle to bottom(new hinges replaced original)
- Paint (Exterior latex stain)
- Roof Sealant (did not seal, see notes below)

Repairs no directed:

- Face frame behind door loose – repaired with stainless steel siding nails
- Removed screws on the right side (western exposure) that had no purpose
- Removed and replaced plaque on right side – replaced rusted screws with stainless steels screws
- Installed new mounting hardware to avoid screws in floor of library (see notes below)

NOTES:

1. Cedar shingles should not be sealed; it will shorten the life of them. I know there are a lot of products out there to seal them which is a marketing promotion and not based on the facts concerning cedar shingles. Cedar shingles need to be free to dry out after rain, snow, or even dew. Once sealed on the top they will still absorb moisture under them and with a sealer on the top they will not dry out properly. The shingles on this library are in great shape, no splits, checks, or curling. In the event that a split does show up over a joint I can repair that as needed.
2. New mounting hardware was used to secure the library to the post support. There are four exterior rated construction supports that are fastened to the post with exterior rated construction screws (not sheetrock screws). There is stainless steel screws attaching the library to the metal angles so there is no risk of rust. This library was mounted to the post with sheetrock style screws and terribly rusted from contact with the pressure treated post support. Interior screws should never be used in an exterior setting.
3. The indoor cabinet style hinges were replaced with exterior strap hinges and appropriate screws.
4. The door itself is in fairly good shape but may need to be replaced in a few years. It is made of plywood that will in time delaminate.
5. I removed a can of mixed vegetables and discarded it. It had been frozen and had a bulged top.
6. I noticed that there were two additional plaques on the library at Spurgin park and suspect that is what the 4 rusty screws were for on the right side of this one. The Tiny Library plaque is still on this one but there is no construction or sponsorship plaque like the one at Spurgin.
7. The books were replaced in the library and it is ready for use.

All work described here was completed by Dan Breyfogle, Brey's on Seventh.



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