Allen County Park Board Minutes

January 21, 2009 @ Metea Park Nature Center
In attendance: S. Gregory, R. Kemery. K. Stacey, T. Hall, B Crowley, R. Devilbliss, D. Davis, J. Baxter, M. Henry, C. Gutman, K. Ferguson, N. Peters.

President Sam Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

The board immediately elected officers for the 2009 County Park board with Sam Gregory, president, Matt Henry, vice-president, and Ricky Kemery, secretary. All present welcomed our two new board members; Tim Hall, and William Crowley. Sam suggested that Jeff meet with the new board members to provide them with information regarding the board/ parks - and how it all works.

December, 2008 minutes approved, K. Stacey, M. Henry (sec.).
December, 2008 financials approved, M. Henry, K. Stacey, (sec.)
(Note: $1,200.00 gift received for bird seed)

Friends of Metea:
Ron reported that several members of staff/educators will attend a conference in Lagrange County on January 23 to network and share information. The Fort Wayne Home & Garden show will be February 26-March 1 and members will be staffing the booth at the show. On February 17-20 there will be a CIG training for naturalists, and a regional meeting for NAI will also be held at Metea in February.

Fox Island
Kate reported that the Indiana Master Naturalist class is full, and will begin in March and run into May. This is the 5th year for this excellent program. The Alliance approved money for new Display boxes. The Alliance will soon meet with members of the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society regarding their ongoing project.

Superintendent's Report (see attached summary for greater detail)
Ron Zartman & Bob Dispenza will be attending pesticide certification training at Purdue University.
Jeff is still looking into the possibility of implementing credit/debit card sales at county park nature centers.
The ice storm did major damage to trees at Fox Island and Metea – some trees will be cut- others off the beaten path will be left as is. Some power outages occurred.
Skiing has been open since January 7.
Updated Knox box keys (emergency keys for fire and police access) for Fox Island- will also implement for Metea.
December 21 Solstice event was canceled because of the power outages. Home School programs are booked for the next two months.

New Business:
The board approved a motion to approve rates for 2009 Spring & Summer day camps, and Solfest entry fees. M. Henry, K. Stacy, (sec).

The board discussed briefly the continued need for furniture at Metea Park Nature Center.

By comment consent, the board recognized and expressed appreciation for the gift for bird seed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted
Ricky D. Kemery, County Park Board Secretary