

# **Allen County Parks - Board Meeting – 7/09/09**

**In attendance:** S. Gregory, J. Baxter, R. Kemery, W. Crowley, ~~C. Gutman~~, M. Henry, K. Stacy, K. Ferguson, R. Divelbliss.

Sam Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM at the Metea Nature Center.

June, 2009 minutes approved. K. Stacy, W. Crowley, (sec).

**Financials:** June 2009 financials approved: R. Kemery, W. Crowley (sec).

**Friends of Metea:** 20 pairs of new binoculars for educational programs were purchased as a result of a memorial donation.

**Fox Island Alliance:** The Alliance board welcomed Ed Ehler, a new Intern from leadership Fort Wayne

## **Superintendent's Report-** (see attached)

**Highlights:** Part-time naturalists Rachael Smith and Karie Harding have accepted positions elsewhere. Existing staff will help cover until new part time naturalists are hired.

The VPN account (access to the county server) is operational and both Jeff and Susie have access.

Heartland Restoration has completed planting of plugs in wildflower and wetlands areas at Fox Island.

Day camps at Fox Island were very successful, as were educational programs at Metea. Bob continues to plan for a Native American event this fall.

Jeff updated the board on progress for furniture acquisition for Metea Nature Center, along with an update on discussions with the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society.

## **New Business:**

The board approved a motion to accept the 2010 Allen County Park budget as submitted and approved by County Council R. Kemery, M Henry,(sec).

The board discussed the residences for the park managers. Jeff will work with Carrie to produce a residence agreement for these dwellings. The board asked for a report on this issue at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:50 PM. M. Henry, K. Stacy, (sec.).

Respectfully submitted, Ricky Kemery, Board secretary