

Allen County Parks - Board Meeting – 6/11/09

In attendance: S. Gregory, R. Kemery, W. Crowley, C. Gutman, K. Stacy, J. Baxter, C. Vandervelde, L. Brown

Sam Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM at the Fox Island Nature Center.

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

Financials: March/April 2009 financials approved: K. Stacy, C. Vandervelde, (sec).

Friends of Metea: No report

Fox Island Alliance: No report

Superintendent's Report- (see attached)

Highlights: Part-time naturalist Rachel Smith was offered and accepted a position at Little River Wetlands.

Jared Gaul is a summer intern for Parks and doing an outstanding job.

Ron, Bob, Natalie, and Deanna completed CPR training.

3 part-time Day camp / lifeguards were hired for the summer.

Jeff is discussing the potential implementation of credit card readers with Grabil bank.

Bob is working on preparing a grant for a wind generator and geothermal system for Metea Park from the Department of Energy.

Park staff used the county chipper to chip debris from the winter ice storm.

33 school groups (a total of 1,450 young adults) attended educational programs at county parks.

2 memorial benches and three trees were purchased in memory of volunteers Joyce Gensel and Marcia Coffey.

Staff has been working with 20 Girl Scouts to provide programming so the Girl Scouts can complete their badge requirements.

The Fox Island Alliance approved funds for the installation of over 900 native plant plugs for landscape and native plant installation at Fox Island park by Heartland Restoration.

Over 1,100 citizens attended Sol fest in 2009.

New Business:

The board passed a motion to approve the use of \$3,579.00 from FOM to purchase furniture for the Metea Nature center. C. Vandervelde, K. Stacey, (sec.).

The board also passed a motion to approve \$417.95 for the purchase of a drop safe for the Metea Park Nature center. K. Stacey, C. Vandervelde, (sec.).

Jeff shared the timeline for the annual budget process with the board.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 PM. W. Crowley, R. Kemery (sec.).

Respectfully submitted, Ricky Kemery, Board secretary