

Allen County Parks - Board Meeting – 11/12/09

In attendance: J. Baxter, R. Kemery, W. Crowley, C. Gutman, M. Henry, K. Stacy, E. Powers, C. Vandervelde, K. Ferguson, R. Divilbliss.

Vice president Matt Henry called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM at the Metea Park Nature Center.

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

Financials: Sept. / Oct. 2009 financials approved: C. Vandervelde, W. Crowley (sec).

Friends of Metea: The furniture for the Bird Observation Area and deck was acquired. Honeysuckle Days will be held on November 15th. A Native American meeting/ gathering was held at the park- with plans for a possible powwow next year.

Fox Island Alliance: Kate Ferguson reported that a new brochure for the alliance/ park is near completion. The Alliance is searching for a speaker for their annual program. The new Indiana master naturalist program application is completed and 17 applicants have already signed up for the 2010 program.

Superintendent's Report- (see attached)

Highlights: 40 trees were planted at Metea as a part of the Great American Tree canopy Comeback event. Staff is looking at acquiring a large wind generator (and sites for it) as a part of a possible federal grant.

Part-time naturalist Nancy Bradtmiller has left to take a teaching position.

Roof repairs were conducted at the Bird Observation Building at Fox Island 2 bike racks were installed at each park.

The board heard input from the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society regarding a proposed rental agreement for their proposed new observatory at Fox Island.

New Business:

The board approved a motion to accept the rental agreement (for housing on both properties) as submitted by consul regarding the properties at Metea and Fox Island. K Stacy, R. Kemery (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 5:15 PM. R. Kemery, K. Stacy, (sec.).

Respectfully submitted, Ricky Kemery, Board secretary