

Allen County Parks - Board Meeting – 3/10/11

In attendance: S. Gregory, J. Baxter, R. Kemery, W. Crawley, C. Gutman, K. Stacy, R. Devilbliss, C. Shumway, K. Ferguson, K. Howell.

Sam Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM at the Metea Park Nature Center.

January, 2011 minutes approved. K. Stacy, C. Shumway (sec).

Financials: January and February 2011 financials approved: W. Crawley, K. Stacy (sec).

Sam introduced Kevin Howell (County Council liaison) to the board.

Friends of Metea: Cheryl Noyer was named 2010 outstanding volunteer by FOM.

An anonymous donor provided a countertop for a teaching area.

Last winter was the best ever ever for ski rentals at Metea.

Fox Island Alliance: Dr. Joe Smith will be the featured speaker at the Alliance annual meeting.

The Fox tale newsletter is in libraries and also will be online.

Indiana master naturalist classes are being offered in Bluffton, Salamonie, and Allen County.

Superintendent's Report- (see attached)

Highlights: Renee Bentz was hired as a part-time receptionist.

The printing vendor has changed from Allen County print shop to FWCS printing with no change in fees.

Motion sensor lighting was installed in Fox island restrooms and storage areas.

70 foresters attended a state urban Forestry Council meeting held at Fox island.

1986 citizens stopped by the County park booth at the Home & garden show,

102 citizens attended educational events at county parks.

25 girl scouts earned badges at a cross country ski training.

15 volunteers attended trail guide training.

A collaborative effort for a hiking program for connected trails between several organizations and parks is underway.

Old Business:

The board approved a motion for the election of officers for the coming year. (K. Stacy, C. Shumway ,sec.)

The officers are: Sam Gregory, president – Kim Stacy, Vice-president, - Ricky Kemery, secretary.

New Business:

The board approved a motion to establish fees for Sol-fest and summer day camp. (same fees as last year). K Stacy, R. Kemery, (sec.)

Jeff presented a summary of the annual report to the board.

The board also discussed several other issues with no motions on those issues - which included:

FW Astronomical Society insurance rider. The board determined that the current agreement (rifer) was appropriate.

United Refuse and Deer park land options.

TV show and marketing (local network).

Ricky offered technical assistance from extension about strategic planning for Emerald Ash borer to county and park officials.

Meeting adjourned 5:15 PM. C. Shumway, K. Stacy, (sec.).

Respectfully submitted, Ricky Kemery, Board secretary