

## November 14, 2012 Friends of Harmonie State Park (FHSP) Minutes

The November meeting was held in Mt Vernon, IN. at the Alexandrian Library where 15 people were present.

Minutes for September meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report for November was read and approved. Ending balance was \$6241.59.

At the time of the November meeting only the posts were concreted in the ground for the new stage. Now, it is completely built and looks great. Thanks to Jeff Osborne, Rich Fischer, Dick Griese, Glen Hile, Dave Richter, Eddie Knapp, Fred Hirsch, Rod Douglas, Mark Elfreich, Stan Elfreich, Denny Hargett, Bill York and the staff of Harmonie State Park for helping on this project. Take some time out and visit the park to view the stage.

Rose Overton and Amelia Wildeman are designing a Day Camp for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Conservation will be the theme for their program. Currently, they are planning two days a week and to have a session in June and July. More on this as information becomes available.

Doris Manning attended the meeting and had several interesting facts about the history of the land before it became Harmonie State Park in the early 1970's.

It was approved by a vote of 9 members present to change the bylaws to state that on a check of \$500.00 or more, two officers signatures are required.

Plaque for donations of \$100 and above has been submitted to Tri State Trophy. Once approved by board members the plaque will be completed and displayed in the Nature Center. This project will be funded by Expressway of Mt Vernon IN.

Most of the meeting consisted of proposing new projects for next year. A list of projects by park management and members was proposed, discussed and voted on. The ones with the most votes were:

1. (Tie) Trail Upgrades& Cover for baby pool,
2. Full hook-ups at campground
3. HVAC system for the Nature Center
4. (Tie) Clean up and Restoration of Walnut Ridge
5. Horse camp
6. Future stage improvements (lights, sound system, fire pits and roof).

Many other projects were discussed: new communication radios, trail to New Harmony, disc golf, new nature center (full time interpreter required), Fantasy of Lights type display to encourage winter activities to increase attendance, raptor demonstration, deer viewing, tennis & basketball courts, stage, bobcat & otter display in Nature Center, concerts, shelter house by stage, swings for cabins and clean up of ponds.

Please keep in mind that Park management must approve these projects before we can proceed. The other projects listed may also be done if we have time and volunteers. Please let us know if you can help.

Letters were sent out to members for 2013 membership drive. Letters were also sent to names of other campers for donations.

**The next meeting will be at Haubstadt in the Haubstadt Gym (115 S WEST ST) on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 6:00pm.**

**Hope to see you there. INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO ATTEND.**