

## **Friends of Potato Creek State Park General Meeting on July 15, 2008**

### **WELCOME**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
2. The purpose & mission of the Friends of Potato Creek State Park is to develop & support projects and events that help preserve, restore, manage and interpret the natural and cultural heritage and recreational opportunities of Potato Creek State Park.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

1. Linda introduced Larry Osterholz the guest speaker. Larry is a Resource Specialist with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. His presentation was about soil (not dirt).

### **MEETING MINUTES**

There weren't any notes from the June minutes which was held at the campfire circle at the campground.

### **UPDATE ON PAST EVENTS**

1. Campfire Circle Meeting
  - a. Successful and pleasant – there was a good turnout from the campers.
2. Trail Clean-Up/National Trails Day
  - a. Several people volunteered and covered most of the trails.
  - b. The Indiana Horse Riders Association worked on the horse trails.

### **REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Winter Wonderland in July on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Volunteer sign-up sheet on the table.
  - b. Anna did a brief presentation showing the ornaments that they will be making with the kids.
2. Tater Traditions August 2<sup>nd</sup> reminder.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Treasurer's Report  
No Report
2. Vice President's Report  
No Report
3. Events Committee Report  
No Report
4. Program Committee  
Laura Holman will speak next month about Bat Ecology.
5. Park update from Alex
  - a. State Park & Reservoir Director toured the Park and was pleased with the property.
  - b. The Park was audited and the audit went fine. Potato Creek Park makes enough money to support itself.

- c. Jim Web is working on the Porter Rey Cemetery land swap which is close to becoming finalized. This project has been continuing for many years.
  - d. Trail 1 bench area has been fixed by filling in the surrounding area. It has a nice view of the lake.
  - e. New posts for stop signs and campground site numbers are being installed. Many thanks were extended to the Krueger's for their hard work on this project.
  - f. The Bee Tree display is being removed from the Nature Center but Tim has some ideas for the future.
  - g. The roof was extended over the restrooms at the Nature Center. Those restrooms are open year round.
  - h. The lake will be lowered after Labor Day for Shad treatment.
  - i. Increasing recycling efforts.
    - i. Recycling will be collected every 2 weeks.
    - ii. There are bins for cardboard, aluminum, etc. collection.
    - iii. Further progress has been restrained by the current trash contract that is for 3 years.
6. Announcement about the board vacancy and the vice president reelection.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on August 19th

**ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned.