

The Hebron Park Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on February 8, 2024 at the Stagecoach Inn.

The meeting was called to order by President Linda at 7:05 pm.

Members in attendance: Linda Brebner, Cindy Ollom, Don Ensign, Tammy Grdinich, Jack Lipski, Dorothy Michalak, John Spinks, Frank Stalbaum, and Jenny Wallace. Kevin Pazour from the Porter County Museum also attended.

Minutes of the January 11, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Don made a motion to approve the minutes; Jenny seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances: \$12,488.84 in maintenance and supplies which includes amounts encumbered, \$5,500.00 in programs, \$7,000.00 in equipment, and \$37,952.25 in the gift fund. CD amounts: \$25,000 (6 month) and \$10,000 (14 month) both at DeMotte State Bank. Jenny made a motion to approve the invoice for the CDs; Don seconded, and the motion passed. Dorothy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Cindy seconded, and the motion passed.

Old Business: Frank was reminded he can look into purchasing bushes for the trail.

New Business: Discussion was on the neighbor to the north who's sump pump discharge was in the middle of the Depot back yard. Correction will be made by the town with the homeowner.

Kevin Pazour made a request for the Porter Co. Museum to host a living history event for the public at the Stagecoach Inn on Saturday, May 11, using the Stagecoach from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and the public invited from 10 am to 2 pm. Porter Co. Museum will handle all the details, including costumes. Don made a motion to approve the reenactment; Cindy seconded, and the motion passed.

The Porter Co. Museum is open on a regular basis which Kevin feels would help the Stagecoach Inn and Depot. He says consistency with hours open would benefit the public to know when the museum is open.

The Porter Co. Museum owns two stagecoaches, original Abbot - Downing of Concord, NH, and would like to have them fully restored. The Park Board will look into the possibility of turning the pavilion at Alyea Park into a permanent structure to house one of the coaches.

Kevin will also meet with a Ball State student re: plans for the Stagecoach Inn Museum.

Linda will order signs to promote the movie in the park nights.

Don brought up Celebrate Trails Day on Saturday, April 27 with a variety of ways to promote the trail and get people out, especially that day. Don passed around a Great American Rail Trail medallion and will look into 9" x 12" signs.

On March 1, the park board will have a photo op at Park Ridge to express our thanks for the money for the trees.

Don met with Scott Pelath president of the Kankakee River Basin to discuss sites for a boat launch.

As there was no further business to come before the board, Jenny made a motion to adjourn; Cindy seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting closed at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

By: *Dorothy Michalak*

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Recording Secretary

Approved

By: *Linda Brebner*

Linda Brebner
President