

# **Friends of the Wapsi EE Center Minutes**

## **May 15, 2014**

### **Wapsi River Center – 6 PM**

**Present:** Mike Granger, Bill Robbins, Warren Wiese, Carol Rogers and Erma Wiszmann

**Minutes:** Approved as Mailed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Check Book Balance 8910.38, Plus CD's – Also Received one new membership

**Staff:** Full Time Naturalist starts in June. Staff Attended Partners of Scott County Watershed on Climate Change. Dave Murcia attended Western Illinois University Mentor Meeting. We have new trees in by the parking lot and a new security light. Dorm Septic System meeting standards on cabin are nearly complete. Discussion continued on and off site education programming. Counted 1,665 attendees at our Earth Week Fair program. Had High school volunteers from West High who loved helping. We were able to secure tadpoles for our stream table. This Saturday we will show the movie EPIC at the nature Center. Want to work on Toad Houses made of ceramic pots. Mike will go to the Horticulturalists Club event at Duck Creek. Heritage Day is happening at Scott County Park on Memorial Day Weekend (Sunday and Monday). A program on Weather is scheduled for the Eldridge Library on June 11<sup>th</sup>. June 16<sup>th</sup> is the Conservationist Camp at Nahant. The Friends Group is sponsoring a scholarship. EDIWILD is June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Nahant is doing the processing of applications and fees. The WREN will be out in May. Articles include are on the Cedar Apple Rust, and White Throated Sparrow. Not sure of the date but we are receiving 2 new screech Owls. We may have to redo the nesting Box. The Dottie Wala plaque is in the works. Gift note cards are in the gift shop for sale. We are still processing the divide with Clinton County. June 19<sup>th</sup> will be our annual meeting –location to be decided. The National Wildlife Habitat Certification for the Wapsi Center was proposed –moved by Carol Rogers. Seconded by Mike Granger. Motion Carried. We will be closed Memorial Day. Spring Work Day went well. The host Signup sheet was circulated. Miscellaneous discussion regarding the migration of Warblers, Mushrooms, and wildflowers occurred.

After Adjournment members toured the new quest cabin. This will rent to quests for \$60 per night. This is a very reasonable price. Members commented on the spaciousness, the handicapped accessibility, and the cement board siding.

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**SCOTT COUNTY PARK: WHISPERING PINES SHELTER.**  
**TIME: 5:30 P.M.**

Join the Friends of the Wapsi River Center's for our Annual meeting at Scott County Park. We will be discussing current events and happenings at the Wapsi River Center.

**We will provide main dish and drinks.**  
**Please bring a dish to share and table ware.**