

**Friends of the Bird Sanctuary  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2007, 6:00 pm  
Solon Springs Community Center**

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Fromm.

Present were: Lori Danz, Julie Fromm, Mora McCusker, and Scott Peterson.

Absent were: Peter Edmunds, Dan Moga (excused) and Doug Reisner (excused), and Glenn Rice

A Quorum was present.

The minutes for the September 7, 2007 meeting were reviewed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Julie Fromm, second by Lori Danz to approve. Motion was carried.

**Old Business**

Annual Meeting preparations for October 6 were discussed. David and Nancy Biegel will not be able to cater the meal. Julie Fromm and Lori Danz will purchase necessary items and look for a local source of catered side dishes. Mora McCusker discussed the silent auction. Scott Peterson will provide copies of the agenda, silent auction forms, sign-in sheet, copies of last year's minutes, and copies of the Treasurer's report.

The Board meeting dates proposed at the last Board meeting for the coming year were reaffirmed.

**New Business**

There was a discussion regarding the recent memo received from the Forestry Department regarding possible construction of a new parking lot in the Bird Sanctuary (attachment).

Several concerns were raised including:

1. Potential improvement of access roads to the identified new parking area for construction and/or on-going use. There was a feeling that the existing access roads should not be improved.
2. Destruction of vegetation at the proposed corral site. If the existing corral area is unused, it was believed that the fences should be simply demolished and removed.
3. Vehicle traffic at a site that is immediately adjacent to the North County Trail and an area selected as a key birding trail. This area has a unique combination of forest, brush, and prairie habitats, suitable for variety of bird species; yet is easily accessible by pedestrians.

The Board reached consensus that the construction of a new parking lot at the suggested location should be opposed.

**RESOLVED** that the Board opposes the construction of a new parking lot in the area currently occupied by the large corral/show ring area. The Secretary is instructed to write a letter to the Forestry Department informing Mark Schroeder of our decision.

**ACTION:** Motion by Mora McCusker, second by Lori Danz to approve. Motion was carried.

Planning for the 2008 schedule of FOTBS Program Events was discussed. Julie Fromm scheduled planning sessions on October 12th and October 26 at 6:00 pm at the Solon Springs Community Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Lori Danz, second by Julie Fromm to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Submitted by: Scott Peterson, Secretary