

FoRB Board Meeting November 18, 2013

Present: Kevin Roberson, Jan Weaver

Ex Officio: Jim Gast

### **Bill Bryan – Nature School**

no written agreement

4 classrooms and a wetlab

100 5<sup>th</sup> graders

space for field trips inside and outside the district during 176 day school year

### **Principles**

no one who wants to attend will be prohibited based on financial considerations

lottery system

### **Building**

owned and built by the state, state park facility

share operating expenses

school district has hired Peckham and Wright to draft basic plans

park will pick up with the architects to figure out the state needs

open area and wet lab

four classrooms which can be combined into 2 classrooms

covered area

passive interpretation

school not in session the run of the building

### **Footprint**

barn and wild cave tour center

15% impervious standard

### **Curriculum**

nature based core curriculum

service component – projects in the park

one overnight a month, 12 months out of the year

more staff at the park to help with programs

science based projects in the park

outdoor skills to meet phys ed

archery but not firearms

### **Funding**

variety of sources

some state park money

\$400,000 from school district

Roger Still Conservation Initiatives

Boone County Natural Legacy

State Funds – hazard mitigation, community development block grants

### **Scheduling**

out of park office following operating agreement with the park

May have to tweak FoRB agreement

December 2013 Charrette

Designs January 2014

Bid Contract right away

### **Plan to open August 2015**

### **Park Report**

fire in the wild area near shooting star, fortunately in a burn unit November 17

first day hikes on January 1 – afternoon sometime

solar project done  
Mr Goudge is taking down the barn  
moving stuff out of wild cave tour center so it can come down  
no deer hunt this year

**Invasive Removal**

looking for partners  
wildlife diversity grant  
Gill Tract – life estate  
Paxton Passage  
jan will buy stuff  
get board approval