

## **Wakonda State Park/Illiniwek Village State Historic Site**

Public meeting information

8/26/2023

Town Hall

- Thirteen participants were present.
- Park Data Sheet information for both facilities was gone over during meeting.
- Kyle Scott, Dustin Webb, Ranger Fohey and Travis Moore (MDC Fisheries) spoke.
- Senator O’Laughlin and Representative Sharp were invited, as wells as all local city and County officials. No local or state officials attended.
- Roger Boyed, retired administrator of Athens and Illiniwek, as well as two other members of the Illiniwek Friends Group attended.
- No media attended the meeting
- Tram ride did not take place due to heavy rains.
- Public Comments were given about:
  - How nice the facility is kept.
  - The friendly staff.
  - The trails - love them.
  - The new kayak launch is great.
- Suggested trying to dredge out the Boulder Lake Campground Lake. It was explained to them that the silt deposits are probably the only reason that it is holding any water. Dredging it could cause irreversible effects.
- Everyone wants WIFI, and they are willing to pay for it.
- Wanted to know if foam along the lake shore was safe. Explained to them that it is normal on windy days. Dead fish along lakeshore - dead invasive carp. Fisheries biologist explained the aging out of large invasive fish.
- Question about Illiniwek CDP and future plans. It is a world-class site. Overnight security checks.
- Everyone was very supportive of the park and site.