

iMAN fiber plan gets green light

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ANGOLA — Steuben County Commissioners learned Monday that they can move forward with a countywide fiber optics program as presented by Indiana Metropolitan Area Network.

The county has approved spending up to \$2 million to extend fiber optics from Angola and throughout the community. The program is run under the auspices of the Steuben County Community Foundation.

County attorney Don Stuckey said the commissioners have to send out a request for proposals based on details developed through iMAN. Because the program is run through the foundation, some of the fees collected revert back to grant-making funds.

Park plans might get finalized

Commissioners and their county park committee will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m. to possibly finalize plans for a Steuben County 4-H Park expansion.

Commissioners have received a proposal for the purchase of 95 acres to the southwest of the existing Steuben County 4-H Fairgrounds and park at Crooked Lake. Another proposal is sought from the Ralph and Sheri Trine family, which owns Fun Spot Park, another target for expansion to the northeast of the fairgrounds. Fun Spot has not been open the past two seasons due to the downturn in the economy.

Clear Lake park plans discussed

Steuben County Highway Department superintendent Ken Penick said the hill above the Clear Lake County Park beach is predominately sand, which might make it easy to reduce in slope.

Test holes have been dug at the property that revealed that the make up of the hill is mostly sand. Working with a few pieces of equipment, Penick said, the work of reducing the slope could go quickly.

As steep as the hill is, it is difficult for some visitors to get to the beach and is definitely handicap accessible.