

# FLORENCE TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION

## Minutes

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Parks Commission Meeting was brought to order at 6:00 pm by Jane Webster-Urbach  
Commission Members in attendance were Jane Webster-Urbach, Tom Johnson, Steve Dietz, & Mike Blair.

This is Tom Johnson's last Park meeting as a member. A Big Thank You to Tom for the last 6 years.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Dietz

"Be the Solution" was read by Jane.

February minutes were read and approved.

**Went over Annual Report for Town Board.** A big thank you to Jane for pulling the report together. It was a momentous year!

It was suggested that in future public information about the new playground the support of Wings Foundation and Prairie Island Indian Community should be acknowledged.

There was also discussion about the history of including "leaning" in the instructions to the arborist about cutting trees. It was decided to clarify with him that leaning trees should only be cut if they are dead, dying, hazardous or otherwise detrimental to the health of the woods in that area.

### **Park Commission Bylaws & Ordinances were discussed.**

**Bylaws** – Changes to the Bylaws were discussed and a motion was made (SD), seconded (TJ) and approved unanimously to make the attached changes. The Bylaws will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

**Ordinances - Changes** to the Park Commission Ordinance were discussed and tabled till there was further information from the Board of Supervisors about the status of discussions between Goodhue County and Florence Township about the status of Steamboat Landing.

### **Park Updates:**

#### **Wakondiota:**

**A Thank you, Potluck, for the volunteers and community support**

- Will be held Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

- Once we have the new members up and going, we will delegate what needs to be done and assign a member to be in charge.

**Valhalla:** Nothing New

**Steamboat Landing:** Nothing New

Public boat landing. There was discussion from those in attendance that parking has been a significant problem on many occasions this winter. It was acknowledged that it has been an unusual year, but that a possible parking ordinance or other actions would be best taken up by the Planning Commission as the Parks Commission does not have jurisdiction over either County or Township roads, where these problems are occurring.

**Community Center:** Nothing New

**Frontenac Station:** Nothing New

**EAB Grant –**Nothing New - **Stump removal and replanting will be done in the Spring and Summer 2023.**

**Project for 2023 - Research Park Signage.**

- **Tabled until May when we have new members on the commission.**

**New Business:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm