

## Florence Township Park Commission

### November 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Brad Stone, Ron Knudsen, Bill Siewert, missing board members were Dean Nelson, and Julie Karlsrud. Town Board members present were: Joe Ellingson, Jim McIlrath, Mike Blair. And 27 guests.

September and October Minutes were read by Ron Knudsen. The September minutes were approved. The accuracy of the October Minutes was questioned. Brad Stone is going to try and get the tape recording of the October meeting and determine the accuracy. The question was whether Sumac, or Box Elder was the species the Park Commission had decided to recommend adding to the park plan during the October meeting. The October minutes are tabled until the December meeting.

Robert Schroeder questioned the commission's Plan on the right Steps being taken. U of M is available for assets and information. He suggested we should work with Memorial Park in Red Wing for their Plan.

#### Park Business:

Community Center-nothing new

Frontenac Station--nothing new

Wakondiota-----Dean Nelsen is investigating a new Pavilion. He was not present at this meeting

Valhalla----Wabasha Tree Co. headed by Dennis Dick will be the Arborist for the restoration of the park

Joe Ellingson explained the legal aspects of private individuals working in the park: The township is covered!

Mike Blair recommended to let Dennis Dick do his job because he has done work in the Frontenac Area and Villa before and has done a good job.

It was recommended to mark any trees and vegetation during the process of restoration before they start, so residents can see the proposed work. During the regular process any one interested can review the markings and provide feedback to the Park Commission during a 7 day period. A model plot will be created before the next Park meeting by Wabasha Tree for residents to see an example of the work proposed before the regular work process begins.

Mike Wozniak from Goodhue County was present and explained that he and the Town Board Members had a tour of Valhalla Park the week before. Bluff and Shoreland Preservation were addressed and concern was brought up that all State, Federal, District, County regulations be observed. The Valhalla restoration will comply with these issues.

Donations will be accepted and can be donated to one of two funds: A replanting fund, and a removal of invasives fund. Funds will be contributed to the Township and be tax deductible. All funds will be monitored and controlled by the Town Board

Dennis Dick explained he will cut some non-invasives but usually only in the case of Oak Wilt or hazard trees. He also recommended to spray the invasives with Garlon immediately after cutting. He is not now licensed but could become licensed if required.

Motions made and Approved----

1. To start Donations to the Florence Township in two funds  
Either the Replanting Fund or the Invasive cleanup Fund
2. PAAs will be required for projects outside the Scope of the McGhie Valhalla Design
3. Have a Demo Plot done before continuing the Project.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted-Bill Siewert