

Florence Township Park Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2013

Attendance: Ron Knudsen, Julie Karlsrud, Dean Nelson, Bill Siewert, Joe Ellingson and 2 guests

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Park Activity Applications - 1 pending application and application for Ron Knudsen was approved at Town Board Meeting.

Old Business:

Park Business:

Wakondiota – Roof over bleachers – spring project – will check to see what the fees will be for a portable bathroom for the summer

Frontenac Station – Playground equipment – in process

Community Center – Sidewalk repair - pending

Valhalla – dock repairs are being made – motion made and approved for repairs not to exceed \$300

Steamboat Landing – a motion was made and approved to have this area included in the master plan for park use

New Business:

Bill from McGhie & Betts presented how he hopes to get the community involved in the park design and planning process by holding a community meeting. This will be a chance to get all residents involved from the beginning. At this time residents will have the opportunity to voice their concerns and support for these parks. By gathering the resident interest and hearing their concerns they will be able to achieve common goals for our parks. Trails will be a big part of the park plan as well as including the historical aspects and audubon groups. A motion was made and approved to have Bill put together the 1st phase plan not to exceed \$1,000. It is hoped that the community meeting will be on a Saturday the first part of June.

The history fair will be on April 27th at the town hall from 1 to 4 pm. Bill Siewert and Brad will put together a display showing the park outlines/boundaries, the

information available from McGhie & Betts as well as a sign up for volunteer help for park cleanup and etc.

Joe advised that the annual road tour is April 27th at 8:00.

Bill Webster brought up the idea of acquiring any additional trees that the Sportsman Club would have left from their event and plant them in area/s that would be able to be easily watered and cared for by residents.

Discussion was had about contacting the DNR to request a special permit for an additional bow hunting season to thin the deer population.

Park commission meetings will start at 6:00 pm the 3rd Monday night of each month.

Discussion was had about doing a bi-annual or even quarterly newsletter to keep the township residents updated on township business.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Julie Karlsrud