

9-24-2012

Florence Township Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Joe Read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. Tom gave the treasurer's report. We have a beginning balance of \$197,452.41, receipts of \$4,324.88 and disbursements of \$34,677.61 for an ending balance of \$167,099.68. We have four CD's for \$150,572.44 for a total cash and investments of \$317,672.12. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Zoning

White's build a house on 361st Avenue. Joe made a motion and Mike second the motion. The motion passed.

Joan Marshman build a 24x28 foot garage at 30129 County 2 BLVD. A motion was made and second to approve. The motion passed.

Mike Willers for Pamela Miller build a house at 34779 Van Blarcum lots 8 and 9 block 43. The plans have been HPC approved. Joe made a motion to approve and Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Mike Willers for Gary Jacobs build pole shed at 30667 County 2 BLVD. Mike made a motion to approve and Joe second the motion. The motion passed.

Planning Commission- We have the University of Minnesota law school here tonight to give a short presentation. The law school has worked with many townships and cities. Our goal is to help entities deal with issues in a sustainable manner. The students work for free. We will know how we would like to handle this project by November and continue working until April on ordinances or other resources to use. We hope to better understand our authority and the types of litigation we can use.

Task Force report-The second land stewardship meeting was in September. Two attorneys believe that we can implement a complete ban against silica sand mining. However Mr. Gilchrist believes it would be difficult to defend a total ban.

The county's zoning map does not match up exactly to our Zoning map. We will continue to use our zoning map. Jody gave a presentation to the Hay Creek Trout Unlimited and they are very supportive. There was an article in the Star Tribune that is worth reading about frac sand mining. The Florence Township Moratorium ends in April 2013.

Heritage Preservation Commission-We had two design review applications one for Pamela Miller and one for Darlene Odden. Preservation day will be scheduled for early next year and not this fall.

Parks Commission-We just had our 4th meeting and we incorporated major changes to the draft of the park plan. Caroline and Robert Hedine cleaned up a lot and removed invasive species at County road 2 and Garrard Avenue. We are going to make a good plan for each park before we move forward. New e-mail policy do not post anything publicly without permission from the sender. The park plan for all the parks is ready for approval. Joe made a motion to approve the park plan. Jim second the motion. The motion passed. Joe read the Valhalla park objectives. We have received two applications for the parks commission one from Julie Karlsrud and one from Dean Nelson. Joe made a motion to approve both applications. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Friends of the Town Hall-We will be having a history fair October 13th from 1:00-5:00. The roof needs repairing and we have \$8000.00 in each of the next two years budget.

Roads-Need to grade Territorial and Staehli Park Road. There is a stop sign down on Huneke Road. The Bridge sign is halfway down on West Florence Trail by Rodney Schmidt's. The trees need trimming on 325th.

New Business-Community center sidewalks are cracked and heaved. We received a bid to tear out and lay new but the bid was not very detailed. We will wait until we receive a more detailed bid.

Roofing bid from Mary McElderly roof replacement and shingles \$9,250.00. We would like to know the brand of shingles. Painting bid is \$15,125 which includes removing lead based paint, prime and then two coats, replacing rotten boards

with cedar. Joe made a motion to table any decision on the roofing and painting. Jim second the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business-Still looking for an attorney to handle the Otto/Anderson fence issue

Keg permits-Jodi Heitman for impact motor sports on October 27th 2012 and one for Jon Harris Wedding. There was a motion made and second to approve both permits. The motion passed.

All outstanding bills were paid

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Eisenmenger, Clerk