

Florence Township Park Commission

Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2013

Attendance: Brad Stone, Julie Karlsrud, Bill Siewert, Ron Knudson and 16 guests

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

An announcement regarding Bill Bleckwenn's presentation at the meeting in the Lake City Graphic. Please see below.

Park Activity Applications - 1 pending application for Carolyn Hedin
1 approved for Ron Knudson

Old Business: The garlon, approved for purchase at last months meeting, will be picked up and available.

Park Business:

Wakondiota – Roof over bleachers – waiting on town board approval

Frontenac Station – Ducks are back in place and a table being repaired.

Community Center – Sidewalks are being installed

Valhalla – Clean up and dock repairs are completed

Steamboat Landing – Rip rap is needed along the shore line and would be a winter project.

New Business:

There was a walk through of Valhalla before the meeting with great attendance by community members.

At the regular meeting Bill Bleckwenn, from McGhie & Betts, presented the Valhalla Park Planning and Implementation process introduction and led a question and answer session.

The four questions were:

1. What do you think of when you think of Vahalla Park?
2. What do you like best about Vahalla Park?
3. What would you like most to change/add to Vahalla Park?
4. How do you see Vahalla Park in the future?

Everyone in attendance was able to answer these questions, responses were passed in to Bill Bleckwenn, shuffled, and then passed back out so that everyone read someone else's answer. Productive discussion resulted from this process. Bill Bleckwenn will compile and analyze the written answers and his observations

during the community discussion and attend the August meeting to present the results.

We will then discuss the planning process for creating a Valhalla Park Design which will include community education, workshops, and additional visioning exercises. All questions and comments for Bill Bleckwenn should be addressed to Brad Stone who will forward them to Bill.

The question was asked as to how much it would cost to go forward with the next portion of the design process and Bill gave a rough estimate of \$10,000 to \$15,000 depending upon how we choose to proceed. This will all be discussed once we receive the results from the July meeting.

Jon Weich presented his Supervisor time and materials bill. It was approved, signed and will be forwarded to the town board for payment.

The next meeting will be August 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Julie Karlsrud

THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
PARK COMMISSION will meet
on Monday, July 15. The meet-
ing will begin at 5 p.m. at the
intersection of Garrard Street and
Dakota Street with a brief walking
tour of Valhalla Park. The regular
meeting at 6 p.m. in the Florence
Town Hall will follow the tour.
Bill Bleckwen, from McGhie &
Betts in Rochester, will present
preliminary ideas for a Valhalla
Park design and look for input
from the community regarding
the design. Please join us for an
evening of community education
and communication. Brad Stone,
Parks Commission chairman.

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