

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**

**Conference line 612-351-3093 code:449001**

**January 5, 2021**

**Parks Commission Meeting was brought to order at 6:pm**

**Commissioners present-Brent Urbach, Tom Johnson, Ted Tollefson, Jane Webster Urbach, and Peggy Knudsen**

**The December 1, 2020 minutes were read and approved.**

**Valhalla Park updates:**

- 1. According to Tom, burning has begun. A burn pile has been established on Bill Flies' property. Bill Flies has given permission to burn behind Chateau Frontenac.**
- 2. A hold has been put on the cutting of Black Locust trees until the historic significance of the remaining healthy trees, which were marked by an arborist, has been proven. Deadline for this is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cathy Kouchich, chair of Florence Township Heritage Preservation Commission, will be emailing Brent various pieces of documentation and photos as her proof before the next meeting. The Black Locust trees are still considered to be "highly invasive and should be removed" per the author of our Design Guideline Bill Bleckwen and are classified as "noxious weeds" by the DNR.**
- 3. Planting sub-committee-Jane Webster Urbach reports that the committee will meet when it becomes possible to meet in person. NRP will do first replanting with a woodland mix, a cover crop for erosion, and a special mix for burn scars from woody removal.**
- 4. More brochure boxes could be useful. Jane and Tom will address this.**

**At 6:25 there was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Respectfully submitted by Peggy Knudsen.**