

Florence Township Park Commission

December 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Brad Stone, Julie Karlsrud, Ron Knudsen, Bill Siewert, Dean Nelson and 10 guests

Minutes of the October and November meeting were read and approved.

There was one new Park Activity Application from Bill Siewert for the Community Center to clean out the dead debris in and around the recycling bins and along Co. Rd 2. Motion to approve and send to town board. There is one outstanding PAA from Brent Urbach for an Archery range at the NW corner of Wakondiota.

Park Business:

Community Center - need signs regarding recycling items - Brad will bring to attention of town board.

Frontenac Station - nothing new at this time

Wakondiota - It is not recommended to repair/fix up the existing pavilion. The building at the ball field will need trim replaced and a few other minor repairs. A donation was made at one time to replace the cover over the bleachers, but it hasn't been completed. Dean will put numbers together for the January meeting for repairs to the ball field shelter and continue to look into the opportunities for a pavilion - kit prices and possibilities of Sentence to Serve help. It was suggested to have the pavilion blend in with the historic look of the community.

Valhalla - phase 1 of the model plot is completed. The excess debris should be cleaned out and the existing/natural debris left. Dennis suggested that the steep slope areas be seeded with grasses as it holds the soil - it isn't the trees that hold the soil as the roots are below ground. Less steep areas could be planted with grasses and mat to hold the soil and help prevent erosion.

Nothing new on the progress of the grants at this time.

Bo Kennedy will be contacted to see what his recommendations would be for planting if they differ from the McGhie Betts plan.

The process for the model plot is: remove invasives and debris, cut portals and re-plant.

Dennis will mark trees with pink ribbon that are recommended to be removed for the portals in the model plot, any one who has any comment on the trees marked is asked to contact one of the commissioners.

Burning of the debris will be done on the beach and garlon applied to the cut buckthorn. Bill will be in charge of this project.

Sentence to Serve is willing to help, however their schedule is months out.

Park Benches - tabled until next meeting.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted - Julie Karlsrud