

Florence Township Park Commission

October 7, 2014

Attendance Brad Stone, Julie Karlsrud, Ron Knudsen, Bill Siewert, Dean Nelson & 7 guests

Minutes of the September meeting were read and one correction made in regard to adding the PAA for the Archery shooting range - add to township newsletter.

Park Business:

Community Center - nothing new

Frontenac Station - nothing new

Wakondiota - working on update information. Dean will share at next meeting bids and information that he is gathering for this project.

Valhalla - Interviews were conducted with Red Wing Tree Service, Hastings Tree, 4 Seasons Tree and Wabasha Tree Co. After discussion a motion was made and approved to recommend WTC (Wabasha Tree Co) as the arborist for the park project. Dennis Dick is local, reasonable, accredited as well as his employees.

There was discussion as to what should be done with the lumber that is cut down and the legalities of selling it.

McGhie & Betts is in process of applying for a Conservation Partners Legacy Grant for funding on the Valhalla project. This grant is a non-competitive grant.

A motion was made and approved to add sumac to page #4 Invasive species of the Township Park Plan approved in 2012.

Discussion was had regarding setting up a 501C3 to accept funds from private parties to pay for work to be done in the park. This will be checked into as far as the legalities of how this should be handled. There does need to be accountability for these funds - whether handled by town board or private party.

History Fair will be Saturday, October 11 from 1 to 4 pm. Bill will set up Park Commission display and Dean will be available for questions.

Brad will complete the park bench inventory for November meeting.

Next meeting Nov. 5 at 6 pm due to Nov. 4 being election night.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12

Respectfully submitted - Julie Karlsrud