



Solon Township Hall  
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**Minutes of the Solon Township Park Planning Committee  
August 18, 2015 @ 4:30p.m.**

**Meeting called to Order by Chairperson Aardema at 4:30 pm.**

**Members Present:** Shelly Aardema, Hal Babcock, Mary Lou Poulsen, Tony Owen  
Len Allington arrived approx 5:00. Hal left approx 5:50.

**Members Absent:** Koadi Pritchard

**Guests:** Vicky Babcock, Amanda Gerhardt

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** – none

**Approval of July minutes:** Motion by Hal to approve July minutes, second by Tony, motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:**

- Read through the draft of Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan prepared by Viridis Design Group. Made numerous corrections and will ask for more minutes and attendance records to be included (i.e. March public meeting), along with surveys that the township conducted in 2012 and May of 2015.
- Discussion also included:
  - \* Echo Park – problems with neighbors leaving personal items on areas that should be available for public access parking. Will report to Supervisor for follow-up.
  - \* Formal name for the park behind the township hall – members and public encouraged to bring ideas to the committee to recommend to Township Board for approval.

**Additional public comments:** Amanda Gerhardt, director of Cedar Springs Area Parks and Recreation, requests the committee reconsider the time and place of regular meetings. She suggests there would be advantages in holding Solon Township Park Committee meetings immediately prior to the Cedar Springs Community Building Development Team meetings at the Hilltop Building location.

**Adjourn:** Meeting Adjourned approx 6:00 pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 15 at 4:30.

**Submitted by:** Mary Lou Poulsen