



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Solon Township Park Planning Committee
November 17, 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, Annette Ellick

Members Absent: Koadi Pritchard, Len Allington

Public Comment on Agenda Items – none

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Tony to approve Agenda, 2nd by Hal, carried 5-0.

Approval of October minutes: Motion by Annette to approve, 2nd by Tony, carried 5-0.

Guest Speaker: Mary Gardner shared her experiences with fund-raising. She gave us many great ideas and caveats. We also gained information on soliciting donations and grants.

New Business:

- Shelly shared list of area businesses and discussion followed on how to effectively reach the owners/managers, possibly with a newsletter explaining our purpose and goals.
- Tony will work on creating a tri-fold to leave at area businesses and get our name out.
- Chair reported we needed a motion to bring a recommendation of a name for the park at 15185 Algoma before the Township Board. Motion by Tony to name the park Velzy Park, 2nd by Hal. Discussion included possible public contest to name the park and details of the name “Velzy” in history of the area. Motion carried 3-2.

Additional public comments: none

Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned 5:30 pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 15 at 4:30.

Submitted by: Mary Lou Poulsen