



Donald "Sarge" Boyd Bandshell

Owen Park
1937-38, WPA Project



The Donald "Sarge" Boyd Bandshell was constructed at a cost of \$10,000 in 1937-38 from funding provided by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The Bandshell is located in Owen Park, which was donated to the City in 1913-14 by John S. Owen, a prominent lumberman and civic leader.

City Engineer Alex Garnock drew up plans for the structure based on plans of other bandshells located in the Upper Midwest. The bandshell is named after Donald "Sarge" Boyd who became the director of the Eau Claire Municipal Band in 1929. Boyd came to Eau Claire to take the position of director of the high school band and orchestra. His enthusiasm and dedication for music was well known throughout the community as he organized many patriotic events, weekend concerts and other festive occasions. Boyd served as the director of the Municipal Band until 1984. He died in 1985. The Bandshell was dedicated and renamed in his honor in 1992.