



Village of Spring Lake  
Parks & Rec Committee  
Monday, August 1, 2016  
7.00pm Central Park  
Minutes

**I. Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Curt Brower (Chair), Claire Groenevelt (Vice Chair) – 7:29p.m., George Barfield, Cal Braun, Erik Poel, Lee Schuitema and Megan Doss (Village Liaison)

**Absent:** none

**Also present:** Christine Burns (Village Manager), Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk)

- II. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Barfield**, second from **Braun**, to approve the agenda with the deletion of the July 12, 2016 minutes to be approved at the September 6, 2016 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5      No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** July 12, 2016 minutes will be approved at the September 6, 2016 meeting.

**IV. General Business**

**1. Central Park:**

- **Fee Schedule – Pickleball, Basketball, Hockey – Burns** reported that there had been considerable discussion regarding the fee schedule for Pickleball but added on to that was also a fee schedule for basketball and hockey and the reason for that was the additional use since the renovations had taken place and competing interests as to who gets what when. **Burns** said whatever was decided should be pretty consistent across the board. **Burns** said that last month a motion was made that if the Pickleball Courts were reserved for a “For-Profit” event a fee of \$100 dollars per court, per-day, would be charged, which was in line with Grand Haven’s fees, but since then, it was brought to her attention that a per-hour charge was needed for events that only needed a court for a few hours, so \$10 per hour was suggested for reservations when a court was needed for less time than a full day.
- **Rules for Court Sharing – The Board** discussed the rules and fees and agreed the rules would stay as they were and they also agreed that \$100 per day, per court or \$10 an hour per court was a fair fee.

Chairman **Brower** opened the floor to the statements of citizens.

- Cindy McKinney, 17784 W. Spring Lake Rd, said that they have had another month of play under their belt and that she felt if people follow the rules that were approved they would be in great shape.
- Donna Marshall, 601 Ellie Court, asked the Board to reconsider 6 courts being allowed to be reserved at one time and drop that number to 4 courts to be reserved at one time leaving 4 courts available for drop in players at all times.
- Mary Beth Witte, 613 Parkview said that limiting the reservation time to 90 minutes would be helpful for them.

Motion by **Barfield**, second by **Schuitema**, to except the proposed Pickleball Court Rules. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6      No: 0

**Burns** asked how the Board felt about fees for hockey and basketball at “For-Profit” events. The **Board** agreed there should be fees for hockey and basketball too.

Motion by **Braun**, second from **Barfield**, to add fees to reserve the basketball courts and the hockey rink for “For-Profit” events. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6      No: 0

2. **Dog Park Updates** – no update at this time.
3. **Tanglefoot Park** – **Burns** reported that the park was constantly full and all was going great.
4. **Lakeside Beach** – **Burns** reported that the same resident complained again about the small size of the beach due to the water levels but that there was nothing that could be done about the high water. **Barfield** said that he and his wife love Lakeside Beach and were very impressed with how clean the restrooms were. **Burns** gave the DPW credit for keeping the restrooms at the parks clean.
5. **Mill Point Park** – **Burns** reported that there was a complaint regarding the condition of the parking lot. **Burns** said that the parking lot has been on Council’s radar for about 3 years but there had not been money in the budget to fix it but it was on the list. **Barfield** asked if there was a charge to launch kayaks. **Burns** said that they only charge for boats with a motors.
6. **Miscellaneous** – **Braun** asked if the lights on Lakeside Trail were going to be fixed. **Burns** said they were still waiting to hear back from Consumer’s Energy with an engineering plan and cost estimate. **Burns** said they would have to do the work in sections though because of the cost. **Braun** asked who was responsible for changing the light bulbs that were out. **Burns** said that was the DPW.

V. **Tree Board Meeting**

1. **Tree Nursery Update from Ben VanHoeven – Burns** reported that all was going well and the trees were growing nicely.
2. **Arborist – Burns** said that the Arborist previously employed by the Village had not been returning calls so she had reached out to another Arborist that the Village had worked with in the past. **Burns** said Bill Drews, owner of Woodland Tree Services had given her a proposal but if the Board would like her to go out for bids from other Arborists she would be happy to do that. The **Board** discussed this and agreed that Drews had done a good job for the Village in the past so they would like to except his proposal.

Motion by **Barfield**, second from **Groenevelt**, to except the proposal from Bill Drews, Woodland Tree Services. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6      No: 0

VI. **Adjournment**

Motion by **Barfield**, second from **Schuitema**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11p.m.

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Curt Brower, Chair

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk