



Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Rec Committee
Monday, September 6, 2016
7.00pm Central Park
Minutes

I. Call to Order

Roll Call: Claire Groenevelt (Vice Chair), George Barfield, Erik Poel, Lee Schuitema and Megan Doss (Village Liaison)

Absent: Curt Brower (Chair) and Cal Braun

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

- II. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Poel**, second from **Barfield**, to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 4 No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Barfield**, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 and August 1, 2016 regular meetings. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 4 No: 0

IV. General Business

- 1. Eagle Scout Project (Nathan Gelderbloom):** Nathan Gelderbloom introduced himself and explained that he was before the Board with a proposal for a memorial bench and plaque for POW's and Veterans of War for his Eagle Scout project. Gelderbloom showed the Board a picture of the plaque and bench and explained that he had a quote for the plaque and that he had contacted the Village's DPW Foreman on the bench. The **Board** had some concerns with the plaque and discussed them with Gelderbloom giving him some suggestions for tweaking it. Gelderbloom showed the Board a sample brick he found at Menards that matched the brick already installed at the Park. Gelderbloom also explained where the bench and plaque would be located and how they would be attached to the brick. The **Board** liked Gelderbloom's idea but explained that he needed to have the funds in place before they could give their approval to begin construction of his project and order the bench. **Burns** asked the Board if they were comfortable with her working with Gelderbloom to get the correct bench with a mockup of wording that would be engraved on the bench. **Burns** said she would email the mockup to the Board for their approval. The **Board** agreed they were comfortable with that and tabled the final approval until the October 3rd meeting.

2. **Revenue/Expenditure Reports – Burns** explained she wanted to give the Board a wrap-up of where they ended up at the end of the fiscal year, June 30th, and where they were as of August 30th. **Burns** said the Village had a great audit and that the Parks Board ended up the year with a little bit of a fund balance so they were in good shape.
 - As of 6/30/2016
 - As of 8/30/2016
3. **Park Updates –**
 - **Central Park - Burns** reported that she, Megan and Lori had met and they were working on signage and memorial plaques and that Advanced Signs was working on a mockup of what would go over Rotary Drive. **Burns** also said that Bob Helder called and said things were going smoothly now at the Pickleball Courts.
 - **Mill Point Park - No update**
 - **Lakeside Beach – Burns** reported that the beach was still busy even though the beach area was very small due to the high water level.
4. **Tanglefoot – Burns** said that she included concrete pricing from Lankamp, a company that they had used for the last 2 years. **Burns** said that Wally was asking the Board to consider a recommendation to Council to use this bid since contractors were so hard to get at this time and the company has always done a good job with fair pricing. The **Board** agreed to recommend Lankamp's bid for the concrete work. **Burns** explained that there was a budget for the concrete work and with using Lankamp there would be a little bit of money left that Wally would like to use for some repairs on the clubhouse in the spring, providing nothing new popped up over the winter that needed attention first. **Burns** also reported that occupancy at the park had been phenomenal this summer.
5. **Whistle Stop – Doss** said that she would like to set up a “spotlight” with Leslie Cassis from WGHN and the Grand Haven Tribune to engage the community in fundraising. **Doss** asked if there were any Board members that would be willing to participate. **Barfield** said that he would. **Burns** said that \$8,000 had been raised so far and if a total of \$50,000 was raised in a month there was a \$50,000 match for the Crowd Funding. **Burns** said she had reached out to the head of the Disability Advocates in Holland to get their input before the build of the playground and ask them for a letter of recommendation that would help with the last \$50,000 grant from the DNR Trust Fund. **Groenevelt** suggested \$50,000 in 50 days for a slogan and goal. **Doss** liked that idea.

V. Tree Board Meeting

1. **Tree Maintenance Quotes – Burns** reported that she would be sending out a request for tree maintenance bids and hoped to have the bids by the next Council Work Session. **Burns** went over the list of trees that needed attention and said that she and Ben would be meeting with the Arborist to look over a few trees that were looking stressed and would let the Tree Board know the diagnosis.

2. **Tree Removal Requests – Burns** said she had received a request to have a tree removed at the corner of Windrift and Lake Avenue because the complainant felt it was a vision obstruction. **Burns** said she had gone and looked and taken pictures and didn't find the tree to be in the way. **Burns** said she was able to inch out and had clear vision in both directions. The **Board** discussed this issue and since this was the only complaint that had been received they agreed to deny the request to remove the tree. **Burns** said the other request was at the corner of S. Lake and Savidge where a small tree had died. Since the tree was dead the **Board** agreed to approve its removal.

3. **Right Tree, Right Place Brochure - Burns** said this brochure was a nice refresher for the Board. **Burns** also mentioned that the Village was applying for 2 tree grants.

VI. **Adjournment**

Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Barfield**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08p.m.

Claire Groenevelt, Vice Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk