



**Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Rec Committee
Monday, January 3, 2017
7.00pm Central Park
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

Roll Call: Curt Brower (Chair), Claire Groenevelt (Vice Chair), George Barfield, Cal Braun, Erik Poel and Lee Schuitema and

Absent: Megan Doss (Village Liaison)

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

- II. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Groenevelt**, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 3.5 – Heritage Festival Pickleball Tournament. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Braun**, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

- III.5** Steve Van Belkum from the Heritage Festival Committee asked to have the fee for the Heritage Festival Pickleball Tournament waived.

The **Board** discussed this and agreed that the Heritage Festival gave a lot back to the community and that it would not be any different than the other Heritage Festival events that do not have fees.

Motion by **Barfield**, second by **Braun**, to approve waiving the Pickleball Court fee for the Heritage Festival Pickleball Tournament. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

IV. General Business

1. **Finance Reports:** Manager **Burns** asked if there were any question on the Finance Report. No questions were asked.
2. **Whistle Stop Park Capital Campaign Update – Poel** presented a \$225 check from a Consumers Energy Foundation Grant for his volunteer hours to the Parks & Rec. Committee. **Burns** reported that Tony Tague made the largest donation in the amount of \$31,000 from funds left over from his campaign, followed by Megen Doss and Monica and Tony Verplank as the other top donors. **Burns** said the Committee was working on a way to recognize the top donors. **Burns** reported that the total received to date was approximately \$142,000 and that they would be ordering the equipment soon for a spring install. **Barfield** reported that he was going to be working with The Village Baker to see what kind of in-house fund raiser they could do. **Burns** said that Gary and Michelle Hanks from Seven Steps Up had offered to do a fund raiser too. **Burns** also said that a company from Spring Lake Township that does laser cutting and pipe bending had reached out to her and would like to be given a chance to bid on creating the benches and bike racks for Whistle Stop. **Burns** said she, Megan Doss and Lori Spelde toured their plant and were very impressed with their work and were looking forward to keeping the work local for the bench's and bike racks.
3. **Parks Update – Brower** reported that the Scout project around the flag pole at Mill Point was complete and looked great. **Barfield** asked about the Scout project at Central Park. **Burns** said that the Scout had finally raised the money and that the bench was ordered. **Barfield** asked if anyone was monitoring the lights at the skating rink. **Burns** said the lights were on a timer and should go off at 11:00 p.m. at the park closing time. **Barfield** also asked if there was an ordinance requiring people to pick up after their dogs. **Burns** said that there was an ordinance and there were signs posted in various areas stating that. **Barfield** asked if a few more signs could be added. **Burns** said she would ask DPW if they had any in stock.
4. **Miscellaneous – Braun** asked who was responsible for street lights that were out at School Street. **Burns** said that Consumers Energy was responsible. **Barfield** noted how much better it looked when you come in the Village from Grand Haven now that the old VanPelt building was down. The **Board** agreed that it was a huge improvement.
5. **Meeting Dates for 2017 – Burns** said that these dates had been approved by Council at their December 19th meeting.

V. **Tree Board Meeting**

1. **DNR Tree Grant – Burns** reported that the Village did not receive the DNR grant.
2. **Miscellaneous – Burns** shared with the Board what was happening with the Disincorporation.

VI. **Adjournment**

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

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk