



**Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Rec Committee
Monday, February 6, 2017
7.00pm Central Park
Draft Minutes**

I. Call to Order

Roll Call: Curt Brower (Chair), Claire Groenevelt (Vice Chair), George Barfield (was excused after roll call due to a conflict in his schedule), Cal Braun, Erik Poel and Lee Schuitema

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 **Poel**, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Groenevelt**, second from **Braun**, to approve the amended minutes of the January 3, 2017 regular meeting correcting a spelling error in section 4. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

- IV. Finance Reports:** **Hinga** went over the Finance Reports explaining that the budget was looking very good and with the only overspending being in the Forestry program so he would be asking Council for an adjustment to the budget. **Hinga** also explained that they were at 58.5% of total expenditures and 58.9% through the Fiscal Year.

Motion by **Schuitema**, second by **Groenevelt**, to approve the Finance Reports as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

IV. General Business

- 1. Request from Crockery Township (Marv Hinga):** **Hinga** explained that Crockery Township was in the process of securing financing for the North Bank Trail and one of the financing tools they were considering was a loan from the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) to pay for the portion of Trail expenses not covered by MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant. **Hinga** explained that SIB Loans were only available to governmental units which receive Act 51 funding and, unfortunately, Crockery Township was ineligible for this program. However, **Hinga** said, if they could partner with an Act 51 entity such as the Village of Spring Lake, they would be able to use SIB Financing. **Hinga** said that Crockery Township was asking the Village of Spring Lake to sponsor an SIB Loan on behalf of Crockery Township for up to \$600,000 for the construction of the North Bank Trail. **Hinga** said that Crockery Township would repay the Village with proceeds from the Crockery Township Pathways millage – estimated at \$75,000/year and that they would also reimburse the Village for costs related to administering the SIB Loan. **Hinga** also said that because he works for Crockery Township once a week, he would take care of the administration of the Loan while he was there. **Hinga** added that the Village could piggyback on this loan to get money for new, much needed, energy efficient lighting along Lakeside Trail. The **Board** discussed how this would benefit the Village.

Motion by **Braun**, second from **Schuitema**, to recommend that the Village sponsor a State Infrastructure Bank Loan for Crockery Township for the North Bank Trail.

Yes: 5 No: 0

- 2. Whistle Stop Park Capital Campaign Update – Burns** reported that the Whistle Stop Committee had met with the Little Tikes vendor to order the equipment and that they had added a couple other ADA accessible pieces. **Burns** also reported that, through a Facebook promotion, Lori Spelde had won a new people/handicap/pet drinking fountain for ½ price. **Burns** shared that Megan Doss and Sgt. Kik were working with an artist to start the process of a Community Engagement regarding a mural on the back of the Travel agency/Gem Source building to get the feel of presents of people.
- 3. Parks Update –** No update at this time
- 4. Disincorporation Update – Burns** updated the Board and shared that the Disincorporation Work Group would be bringing their recommendation to the Village Council at the February 20th meeting. **Burns** encouraged the Board to attend.

V. **Tree Board Meeting**

1. **Miscellaneous – Burns** shared that she would not be in town for the March meeting so Marv could handle the meeting if the Board chose to hold that meeting. The **Board** agreed they would cancel the March meeting.

VI. **Adjournment**

Motion by **Groenevelt**, second from **Schuitema**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk