



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

I. Call to Order

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

Absent: Cal Braun

Also Present: Marv Hinga (Clerk/Treasurer), Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk)

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

Yes: 5 No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Barfield**, second from **Schuitema**, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

- IV. Eagle Scout Projects:** Isaiah Visker passed out photos and explained that he would like to lower the angle of the beach at the end of N. Division replacing sand and 6x6 landscape timbers. Visker explained that he would have the help of his Scout Troup and that he would raise the estimated \$500 for necessary supplies. The **Board** felt this was a very big project and asked Visker to bring drawings of his plan along with cost estimates for the supplies needed. **Doss** said that the **Board** would like to keep the look of the park ends consistent and she also thought this would cost more than \$500. The **Board** was concerned with liability for a stairway and a 3 foot drop once the beach was lowered and suggested a railing along the wall and hand rails on the stairway. **Brower** suggested Visker check to see what was beneath the sand before he started digging. The **Board** agreed that this was a good project but they would like more details. Visker said he would bring drawings and a cost estimate back to the Board.

- V. Finance Reports:** **Hinga** went over the Finance Reports explaining that they were a little over budget in Forestry, due to tree planting, and Central Park, due to the

work to get it ready for the grand opening, so some budget adjustments would have to be made there. **Hinga** also said that they were about 2/3's of the way through the year and have spent about 60% of the budget across the departments. **Hinga** asked the **Board** what they would like to see on a wish list for the next fiscal year budgeting. **Doss** said they needed to be good stewards with the money that has been donated to the parks by requesting budgeted funds to maintain them. **Brower** said that he and **Groenevelt** had wanted money for park maintenance since they came on the Board. **Doss** said that Park maintenance/upkeep was in Council's top 5 priorities at their Goal Setting. The **Board** agreed they would like to have funds set aside in a Capital Improvement fund for Public Improvements at each park. **Hinga** gave a couple examples how this could be done. President **Hatton** was present and asked about going the Township for more financial help with parks maintenance. **Hinga** said they can always ask but it was highly unlikely since the Township was already spending more money than they were collecting from the Village for the services they provide.

VI. General Business

1. Whistle Stop Park Capital Campaign Update –

- Installation Update – **Doss** reported that everything was ordered and that they were looking at mid-May for installation. **Doss** said she would let everyone know when the installation was scheduled and she thought it would be great to feed the volunteers. **Schuitema** said he would bring the pig roaster. **Doss** said she would take him up on that.
- Art Opportunity – **Doss** shared that statistics show that when there is a mural at a park that includes people, it cuts down on crime because people feel like they are being watched. **Doss** said a sub-committee had formed with Manager Burns, Sgt. Kik, Deputy Allard, George Barfield, Maggie Banstra and herself, to come up with ideas and artists for a mural on the long building that runs parallel with the park. **Doss** said that George Barfield's wife, Sarah, who directed one of the top 10 art fairs in the country for 20 years, will join the sub-committee also. **Doss** said she was very excited about this project since she could think of only one piece of art (the Women's Temperance Fountain) in the Village and that by adding art, it would open a whole new entity for grants and new people for donations.

2. Miscellaneous –

- **SIB Loan for Lighting along Lakeside Trail** – **Hinga** said he had talked to the State Infrastructure Bank and that replacing the lights along the trail would be a permissible use of a loan. The **Board** agreed they would like to recommend this to Council.

- **Position on Disincorporation** – The **Board** discussed the steps to disincorporation and the DWG’s recommendation. The **Parks and Recreation Board** agreed unanimously to oppose disincorporation.
- **NBCF Grant Application for landscaping at Mill Point Park**
- **NBCF Grand Application for Signage at Rain Garden (DPW)**

VII. Tree Board Meeting

1. **Whistle Stop Playground Pine Trees** – The **Board** discussed the very old and messy pine trees that were around Whistle Stop and hanging over the pavilion. The **Board** agreed they didn’t want needles and sap on the new playground mat or moss growing on the pavilion roof and that the trees needed to be removed and cleaner trees planted. **Doss** also shared that Darcy Dye would like to use planting a garden at Whistle Stop as a teachable moment for Holmes Elementary students which would be another great opportunity for a grant from the North Bank Communities Fund.

2. Miscellaneous

- NBCF Grant Application for Signage at Tree Nursery – **Doss** asked the **Board** to endorse a grant application from the North Bank Communities Fund for this signage. The **Board** agreed this would be a good project.
- Tree City Bulletin – included in packet.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by **Groenevelt**, second from **Schuitema**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk