



**Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Rec Committee
Monday, July 6, 2017
7.00pm**

**102 West Savidge Street (EOC Room)
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

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

Absent: Cal Braun, and Megan Doss (Village Liaison)

Also Present: Chris Burns (Village Manager), 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: Approval of the Minutes from the June 5, 2017 meeting were tabled until the August 7, 2017 meeting.

IV. Finance Reports: Finance reports were tabled until the August 7, 2017 meeting.

V. Whistle Stop Park: **Burns** shared that there had been a lot of usage at the park and because of all the usage there were not enough picnic tables so DPW bought in 2 more. **Burns** also said that 2 different families wanted to donate benches for memorials and 1 of those families also wanted to have a tree planted. **Burns** reported that there had been complaints about the travel agency employees smoking outside their backdoor, which opened up out into the park area. **Burns** said the property manager had given permission for the Village to put up magnetic "No Smoking" signs but since the travel agency employees were now very upset, she did not have the signs put up. **Burns** said the employees were also complaining about park visitors parking in their lot and sitting on their stoop. **Burns** said that one of the employees emailed President Hatton asking why the Village had spent \$150,000 of tax payer money on a park that had no restroom or parking when Mill Point Park was in such poor shape. Hatton then emailed Council asking the same questions. **Burns** said that the employee, a Rotarian, and had attended the 3 meetings she had given presentations on fund raising for the park and that the Village President had attended the Park ribbon cutting where the fund raising

and donations had been acknowledged. **Burns** said at this point staff was not responding to the emails or complaints. **Barfield** asked if the Village could put up signs in the park itself. **Burns** said that they did put signs up. **Brower** reported that there was a sink hole under the mat by the marry-go-round and also said that he had visited all the parks recently in the Village and checked out the restrooms and they were all very clean and well kept up.

VI. **Parks Updates**

- Central Park – There was nothing new to report at this time.
- Mill Point Park – **Burns** shared that the parking lot would be redone probably this October after boating season.
- Lakeside Trail – **Burns** reported that she would be having a meeting regarding led lighting for the trail and report back to this **Board**.
- Lakeside Beach – **Burns** said that she had received another complaint about there being no beach due to the water level. **Brower** said there were about 30 people on the beach when he went by there one day. **Schuitema** said that he goes by there often and it has been very busy.
- Tanglefoot Park - **Burns** said there was another anonymous complaint on the parking.

VII. **Tree Board Meeting**

1. **Mill Point Senior Housing Trees** – **Burns** reported that the Mill Point Senior Housing neighbors, led by Russ Tiles, were collecting money to help defray costs for planting trees along Liberty Street because that had not been part of the developers landscape plan. **Burns** also said that she had received tree planting recommendations from the Mill Point Senior Housing landscape architect but when she looked up the recommended trees, they were not recommended for our area. **Burns** said they were going to wait until fall and have the Village arborist make a recommendation.
2. **Miscellaneous** – **Burns** said she had done a drive around and noticed some trees on Savidge that needed trimming. **Burns** also reported that the tree nursery was doing well.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Motion by **Barfield**, second from **Schuitema**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk