



Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Rec Committee
Monday, November 6, 2017
7:00 p.m.
102 West Savidge Street (EOC Room)
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), Cal Braun and Chris Burns, Village Manage. (Braun emailed Manager Burns that he was resigning his seat on the board)

Also Present: Marvin Hinga (Village Finance Director), Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk)

- II. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Barfield**, to approve the amended agenda, changing the order of items, moving item 6 up to item 4. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 4 No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Barfield**, to approve the Minutes from the September 5, 2017 regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 4 No: 0

- IV. Tanglefoot Park (Wally Stulhmann):** Park Manager **Stulhmann** explained that they have had issues, for a number of years, with three couples who have been seasonal residents at the park. **Stulhmann** said that he had talked to these couples on more than one occasion, but they continued to cause problems, so they have been asked to find a new park for 2018. **Stulhmann** said that one of the couples, Cathy and Denny Anastor, have requested that the decision to deny their application for 2018 be reconsidered. **Stulhmann** said he would not recommend reconsideration since they had been talked to and the behavior had not changed. **Stulhmann** also felt that the Village would lose credibility if they reversed their decision.

The **Board** discussed the request from the Anastor's and agreed that they would not recommend reconsideration.

Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Barfield**, to deny the request for reconsideration from Mr. & Mrs. Anastor. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 4 No: 0

Stulhmann also thanked the Parks **Board**, on behalf of the park residents, for all their support over the last few years.

- V. Finance Report:** **Hinga** updated the **Board** on park finances, going over revenues and expenditures for the different departments.

VI. Park Updates

- **Lakeside Trail Pathway Lighting Update (Marv Hinga):** Hinga reported that they had been working with MaTech Lighting Systems and that they would be replacing the 55 wood poles with heavy duty aluminum poles and LED lights. Hinga explained that a good portion of the pathway was in the DDA district so they would be asking the DDA Board to help fund that portion.
- **Whistle Stop Playground Update (Megan Doss):** Doss shared that she had met with Darcy Dye on a plan for planting some flowers at Whistle Stop. Doss explained that Dye would create a proposal to give to Manager Burns and that if they could keep the cost within \$2,000, she thought she had a donor that would like to give for flowers. Doss also shared that the signage for Whistle Stop was almost done.

VII. Tree Board Meeting

1. **Tree Trimming Bids (Marv Hinga) –** Hinga explained that 2 of the 3 bids requested have been received and that Andy's Tree Service was the low bid. Hinga said that DPW Forman VanHoeven recommended Andy's since they had worked with them quite a bit and were happy with their work.

On a motion by Schuitema, second from Barfield, to recommend Andy's Tree Service for tree trimming in the Village. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 4 No: 0

2. **Memorial at Tree Nursery (Megan Doss) –** Doss shared that she had gone to the site where the Vicki Verplank memorial would be placed and that it was a lovely spot. Doss said that, right now, they were having some issues with bucks rubbing their antlers on the trees so they were trying some things to deter them.
3. **Miscellaneous –** The Board discussed the tree at the middle school and the fact that it was not looking good despite the wishes of alumni and residents to save it.

Barfield said that he has seen more and more people bringing their dogs to Central Park and letting them out to run off leash and do their business on the baseball field rather than walk a little farther to the Dog Park. Barfield asked if a sign could be put up to try and deter this behavior.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Schuitema, second from Poel, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Clarissa Groenevelt, Vice Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk