



**Village of Spring Lake  
Parks & Rec Committee  
Monday, February 4, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

**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:** Darcy Dye and Susan Petrus (Village Council Liaison).

**Also Present:** Chris Burns (Village Manager) and Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk)

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

Yes: 5      No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Due to a technical issue, the approval for the minutes of the December 3, 2018 regular meeting was postponed until the March 4, 2019 meeting.

Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Brower**, to postpone the approval of the December 3, 2018 minutes until the March 4, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion approved.

Yes: 5      No: 0

**IV. Finance Report:**

- **To approve or not approve?** **Burns** explained that at the last meeting **Barfield** had pointed out that approval of the Finance Report was not a requirement. **Barfield** said that from what he had read, by approving the Finance Report they became a signatory on it and assumed some responsibility and were saying that the report was correct, and everything was done properly. **Barfield** explained that from his perspective, he assumed they were correct, but he did not know that for a fact. **Burns** said that the Board could accept the Finance Report rather than approve it.

The **Board** agreed they would accept the Finance Report.

- **2019/2020 Budget Process – Burns** explained that Council would be meeting on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for their Annual Strategic Planning and Goal Setting session and asked the Board to compile a “Wish List” to submit to

Council. **Burns** said they had a lot of carryover from this Fiscal Year, but if there was something that was high on this Board's list, she would share it with Council. **Schuitema** said he thought they should take a look at the retaining wall at Tanglefoot and the bike path along that area. **Burns** said those items were on the list and they might have to consider putting in a legitimate seawall along the river. **Burns** asked the Board to email her any high priority items they would like her to add.

#### V. **Art in the Park Campaign**

**Grant Opportunity (CEDAM)** – **Burns** shared that at this point, they were a few thousand dollars short of their goal, but she was sure they would make it in the 15 days they had left. **Burns** showed the board the oil painting that Christi Dreese had generously created to be auctioned off and all proceeds would go to the campaign. **Burns** said that Christi also had items and prints made from her painting that were being sold with 40% being given to the campaign. **Burns** also shared a grant opportunity with Consumers Energy that had been submitted and one for the Mixer Fund, the Boer Family Fund and the Loutit Foundation, which would all come in after the MEDC closed. **Burns** said they had a committee working on securing contracts with property owners and intellectual property rights with the artist; the call to artists that would be sent out to the local art community.

VI. **Tanglefoot Park Redevelopment** – **Burns** shared that Kim VanKampen felt that Tanglefoot redevelopment was key to her project's success. **Burns** said that the challenge with redeveloping Tanglefoot was that it generated about .5 mils of revenue for the Village, so if that was not being collected residents' taxes would need to go up .5 mil to cover the loss. **Burns** said she was not sure how that would go over with the residents. **Burns** said that Ms. VanKampen had asked her if she could find a consultant to do a cost benefit analysis to provide more information for the committee and eventually to the general public about what that future holds. **Burns** said it was important to hear what the public wants to see happen to that park.

#### VII. **Miscellaneous Parks Updates**

- **Central Park** – **Burns** reminded the Board that Snow Jam was being held this weekend.
- **Mill Point Park** – Nothing new at this time.
- **Lakeside Trail** – **Burns** reported that compliments on the new lights and the clearing of the path continue to come in.
- **Whistle Stop Playground** – **Burns** shared that there was signage that still needed to be completed, so the company that installed the playground was taking that over.

#### VIII. **Miscellaneous**

**Barfield** reported that he was submitting a Pickleball Coalition Subcommittee Charter, for the Boards approval, that he had worked on for several months with the Sub-committee. **Barfield** said that this Charter had been approved several

times. That each time it was approved, the Subcommittee would revise it and approved it again. **Barfield** said he was done with this committee, that he could not sit through another cat fight, because it was clear that these members did not like each other and had hidden agendas.

The **Board** agreed that Erik Poel was right, that this committee would not be able to mediate a resolution that was acceptable to all factions.

The **Board** also agreed to keep the rules they had created initially.

**IX. Tree Board Meeting**

**1. Consumers Energy Tree Grant – Burns** shared that Poel had presented a \$2500 check at the January meeting.

**2. Miscellaneous** – Nothing at this time

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion by **Barfield**, second from **Poel**, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Curt Brower, Chair

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk