



Village of Spring Lake  
Parks & Rec Committee  
Monday, June 3, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

102 West Savidge Street (EOC Room)  
Minutes

**I. Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Claire Groenevelt (Vice Chair), George Barfield, Darcy Dye, Erik Poel, and Lee Schuitema.

**Absent:** Curt Brower and Susan Petrus.

**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:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Barfield**, to approve the May 6, 2019 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion approved.

Yes: 5      No: 0

- IV. Finance Report:** **Burns** updated the Board on how the Budget process was going and on the merge between DPW's and the financial impact. **Barfield** asked how Tanglefoot Park was being budgeted for the next fiscal year. **Burns** said that at this time they were planning on it being open.

Motion by **Barfield**, second from **Dye**, to accept the Finance Report. All in favor, motion carried

Yes: 5      No: 0

- V. Mill Point/Tanglefoot Master Plan Community Engagement – Burns** shared that overall, they had a good turnout and all of the comments were now in the hands of Progressive AE to do a compilation of all comments and feedback received and will report back to the Board with the results. **Dye** asked how the tree inventory process was going. **Burns** said that, at this time, it was on hold until after budget. **Dye** suggested that, in light of the potential development, it might be wise to fold a Parks and Garden inventory into the tree inventory so they could keep track of the state of the landscaping and maintenance for the waterfront so that DPW could get a clear sense of what it took to do the upkeep and maintenance and have sufficient staff and budget to maintain them. **Burns** thought that was a really good idea and added that next month the Parks & Rec Master Plan for the five participating communities would be expiring, and an estimate from Pam Blough to update the plan had been received, so this would be a good time to

create an inventory to add to the plan. **Burns** said that Ms. Blough would update the Parks and Recreations Plan and then file it with the State. **Schuitema** gave suggestions to make the docks at Tanglefoot and Mill Point usable. **Burns** said she would have Delamater take a look.

**VI. Spring Lake Heritage Festival Update – Burns** reported that they have had conversations with the Heritage Festival Committee regarding the use of Central Park for Festival activities due to flooding at Mill Point Park, but as it turned out, the shelters, ball field and pickleball courts at Central Park had all been reserved for those dates so they would have to decide what they want to do with the options they had. **Burns** said that communications have been difficult with the Committee and that plans were still up in the air.

## **VII. Parks Update**

- Central Park
  - Marv’s Bark Park. – **Burns** reported that the DPW had been working to make improvements but they had not received any feedback from the complainant. **Barfield** said that some repairs had been made but it looked like they were still in the process.
  - Pickleball Complaint – **Burns** shared that a pickleball complaint had been made, but the gentleman that had made that complaint was not present to address it.
- Mill Point Park
  - High water levels
- Tanglefoot Park
  - High water levels – **Burns** reported that muskrats were still being removed from the banks.
- Lakeside Beach – **Burns** said that a complaint had been made the bathrooms, lack of beach and the grass was dirty. **Barfield** asked if they should close the beach. **Burns** said no, it was still usable. **Dye** said it was great for launching kayaks.
- Lakeside Trail
  - Art in the Park – **Burns** shared that there would be a public open house on June 4<sup>th</sup> to reveal the top 10 artists and get public input on their favorite.
  - Encroachment – **Burns** reported that the property owner had a new proposal regarding their tennis court that would go to Council next Monday so if the Board had any feedback to let her know before that.
  - Tree Removal – **Burns** reported that there had been a complaint that a tree had been cut down, but it turned out that the tree came down on its own and the DPW had cut it up and moved it off the trail.
- Whistle Stop Playground - **Burns** said that Dye had been working on the gardens there.
- Eagle Scout Project’s – **Burns** reported that Viskar’s project had been started but delayed was by weather and she had not heard anything on Devartanian’s project.

## **VIII. Tree Board Meeting**

1. **Tree Removal – 102 E Exchange – Burns** reported that a tree on the south east corner was in such bad shape that when it was removed, the DPW didn't even need to grind the stump. **Dye** suggested that as they plant new trees, they should be more diverse to protect from losing large numbers at a time to disease.
2. **Tree Trimming (Savidge) – Burns** shared that she had had a conversation with Vicki Wierstra from MDOT and because the trees along Savidge belong to them, the Village does not have a lot of say about what happens to them, but she was trying to keep MDOT on the Village's side so they would go as easy as possible when trimming or removing. **Burns** said there was one tree that did need to be taken down. **Dye** explained that trimming trees in the warmer months, between April through August could cause much damage and make them susceptible to fungi, and Asian longhorn beetle.
3. **Miscellaneous – Burns** updated the Board on the Exchange St. project.

IX. **Adjournment**

Motion by **Barfield**, second from **Groenevelt**, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5

No: 0

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Claire Groenevelt, Vice Chair

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk