



## Minutes

**Village of Spring Lake  
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting  
Monday, December 2, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
102 West Savidge Street (EOC Room)**

### **I. Call to Order**

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

**Absent:** Brower

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

### **II. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Barfield**, second from **Dye**, 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 October 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

### **IV. Finance Report:** **Burns** shared the finance report and said she had requested a grant, as part of the Forestry Fund from the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation Victoria Verplank Memorial Fund, but had not heard back on it yet.

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

Yes: 5                      No: 0

### **V. Miscellaneous Parks Update –**

- **Mill Point & Tanglefoot Boat Slips - Burns** shared boat slip cost comparisons from similar marina's which included Traverse City, Saugatuck and Suttons Bay and asked the Board their thoughts on the current rates at Tanglefoot and Mill Point Park considering the conditions due to water levels. The **Board** agreed they would recommend keeping boat slip rental fees the same but would like to add a condition to restrict registration in January to Village residents only and then open registration to everyone in February.

Motion by **Dye**, second from **Barfield**, to recommend no change in boat slip rental fees, restrict registration January 1<sup>st</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup> to Village residents only and open to everyone starting February 1<sup>st</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

- **Tanglefoot Park - Burns** reported that she had been asked by President Powers to draft a list of Frequently Asked Questions with factual answers regarding the redevelopment of Tanglefoot Park in response to inaccurate information being shared and posted on social media. The **Board** discussed their thoughts on responding to social media. **Burns** said the FAQ's would not be posted on social media, they would be posted on the Village website and at Village Hall. **Dye** suggested acknowledging the feelings of loss and change for those that had been residents of Tanglefoot were having. The **Board** agreed. **Burns** also explained that there was a washer (owned by the residents) that they were going to take care of and a dryer (owned by the Village) that would be sold.
- **Mill Point Park – Burns** said that barricades had been set up to close Mill Point Park because people were driving on the lawn to avoid the flooded parking lot.
- **Barfield** reported that he has been seeing vehicles enter Lakeside Trail by way of Fruitport Road and drive through to Lake Ave. **Dye** and **Schuitema** said they had also seen vehicles drive the bike path. **Burns** said to call 911 if they see that happen again.
- **Art in the Park – Burns** reported that the sculpture submissions had been shared with the Verplank family but they were not what the family had in mind so that was still being worked on. **Burns** said Stanford-Butler had submitted an application to MDOT for permission to allow artist Peppy Gaga to paint the stanchions under the bridge and that a grant for \$1,000 had been received to go towards a mural at Seven Steps Up that would be painted by a high school art student.

**VI. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update – Burns** shared the Draft Community Parks & Recreation Master Plan with the Board and asked them to review the section related to the Village for any changes or updates they would like to see and get them back to her by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tree Board Meeting**

**VII. Tree Planting/Trimming/Removal Update – Burns** asked **Poel** if he had been able to contact the owner of the house across the street from him regarding the complaint received on the tree with fungus. **Poel** said he had emailed Lesley Newman about her concerns, who replied that the daughter of the deceased owners said she would take care of it in the spring if the house didn't sell but she

thought the fungus was dormant. **Poel** said Newman had put bleach on the tree fungus.

**VIII. Miscellaneous –**

- **Burns** reported that the grant request for the tree inventory had been denied.
- The **Board** discussed the damage from high water at their homes and around the Village. The **Board** also discussed the need to enforce the stormwater and grading ordinance.

**Adjournment**

Motion by **Barfield**, second from **Schuitema**, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 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