

Minutes

Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Dial-in number: (408) 650-3123
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Spring Lake, MI 49456



I. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Curt Brower (Chair) and George Barfield

Also Present: Chris Burns (Village Manager), Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk) and Angela Stanford-Butler (DDA Director)

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

Yes: 4 No: 0

III. Approval of the Minutes: Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Dye**, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020 and September 8, 2020 regular meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 4 No: 0

IV. Finance Reports: **Burns** updated the Board on the Finance Report and the **Board** accepted it.

V. Update on DNRTF Grant Application (Angela Stanford-Butler) – **Stanford-Butler** reported that they had received their preliminary scores at the beginning of September for the grant submission and were given the opportunity to improve on those scores. She had been working with their coordinator to update the application and was feeling very good about it. **Stanford-Butler** said results would be received in December. **Burns** said that the original score was in the upper 300's out of 500, so they should be able to pick up more points by updating the application.

VI. Tanglefoot Park Redevelopment Update – **Burns** shared the Tanglefoot Park conceptual drawings that the focus group had agreed on and explained that this conceptual design was within budget but some details, such as the fire pit design and color scheme could change. The **Board** discussed the conceptual design and amenities a pavilion could offer compared to the original idea of a four-season building that, unfortunately, turned out to be way over budget and not practical or affordable for residents to use. The **Board** also discussed parking and **Burns** said that there was not a lot of parking, but they wanted to promote a healthy lifestyle by walking, biking and utilizing the bike path and being outdoors. **Petrus** said that originally the idea was that the venue would create revenue to offset the loss from Tanglefoot as an RV park and asked if the math had been done to make sure this was feasible. **Burns** said that currently, there was no charge to use any of the pavilions in the Village, so discussions needed to center around the possibility of charging for these amenities like the surrounding communities do. **Burns** said that **Stanford-Butler** would be taking these drawings to the DDA for their input and then she would be taking them to Council. **Burns** said that the proposal from

Progressive AE to do the architectural design and construction oversight came in at a quarter of a million. **Dye** suggested that RFPs be issued; the board concurred.

VII. Miscellaneous Parks Updates:

- Marv's Bark Park - **Burns** reported that Consumers Energy was supposed to be at the dog park today and tomorrow to take out the trees by the substation. **Stanford-Butler** shared that the fundraising and cleanup for the dog park went very well, raising about \$1000, and Eagle Scout candidate, Kyle Powers, was raising funds for agility equipment. **Stanford-Butler** said they would continue to raise funds for improvements at the dog park which included another gate, more dog waste receptacles, move the current gate to higher ground, add bricks and grass to areas, add concrete and a water source to rinse dogs off, kiddy pools, and a message board.
- **Groenevelt** asked if there had been anything done on getting a porta potty for the winter at Central Park. **Burns** said she would follow up on that.

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VIII. Fall Tree Planting/Trimming/Removal– Burns reported that Darcie Benter, DPW Administrative Assistant, had taken over the tree program which included keeping track of trimming, planting, removals and requests from residents.

IX. Public Comment

- Kathryn Maki, 708 Summer, agreed with the need for a porta potty at Central Park, and had questions regarding the Tanglefoot Park grant application, commercial kitchen in the new pavilion, farmers market and odor from the pump station being near the farmers market. **Burns** replied that grant was to help defray some of the costs along with commitments from the Verplank and VanKampen families and a capital campaign starting after the first of the year. **Stanford-Butler** clarified that the grant would not be for the structure but everything around it and the capital campaign would be to raise money for the structure. **Stanford-Butler** listed the scope items that the grant would be used for, including several that created universal access to the amenities. **Burns** offered to send a copy of the grant submission for Ms. Maki to review. **Burns** noted that there would not be a commercial kitchen, it would be a catering kitchen where already prepared foods could be served from, so there would not be kitchen appliances, heat or air conditioning. **Burns** explained that the farmers market was run by the Chamber of Commerce and that was why Joy Gaasch, President of the Chamber, served on the focus group to share her input on behalf of the farmers. **Schuitema** said that he walked by the lift station every day, and since the new sewer line had been put in, he had not noticed a single day where the sewer smelled.

X. Board Member Comments – Dye said that she agreed with **Petrus** that replacement revenue for Tanglefoot was a pretty important consideration as well as maintaining the structure and the area around the park being something that needed to be on the agenda for discussion. **Groenevelt** also agreed.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by **Groenevelt**, second from **Dye**, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

Claire Groenevelt, Vice Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk