

Minutes

Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Dial-in number: (224) 501-3412
Access code: 222-647-861
Spring Lake, MI 49456



Pursuant to SB 1108, the Village of Spring Lake will conduct its business virtually to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

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

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

Absent: 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: 5 No: 0

III. Approval of the Minutes: Motion by **Dye**, second from **Groenevelt**, to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 regular meeting with amendments to correct a spelling error and change signature from Brower (who was absent) to Vice Chair Groenevelt. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

IV. Finance Reports: **Burns** updated the Board on the Finance Report. **Dye** asked for clarification on why some insurances were over budget. **Burns** explained that that was because some insurances amounts were estimated for budget purposes and paid by July 1st then **Hinga** will make budget adjustments prior to the end of the fiscal year. The **Board** accepted the Finance Report.

V. Tanglefoot Park Redevelopment Update – **Burns** explained that at the last Council meeting, a couple of questions had been raised regarding the proposed open-air pavilion versus the original design of an enclosed high-end wedding type facility that costs came in way over budget. **Burns** said that Council has asked to have the Chesapeake Group look at the predicted revenue stream from an enclosed state versus the new proposed open-air design. **Burns** said that Stanford-Butler was putting together numbers, from event/wedding planners that they had spoken with, with revenue predictions for the open-air design. **Petrus** shared that Council was concerned with the shift from an event center generating income to a park that would add expenses to maintain along with maintaining the other parks. **Schuitema** agreed that was what he took from Council comments. **Dye** said that it was her understanding that the revenue generated by Tanglefoot RV Park was the primary source for revenue for parks in general. **Burns** explained that the RV park generated around \$35,000 per year which was deposited to the general fund and helped to maintain other parks but it cost more than \$35,000 for overall maintenance. The **Board** discussed what costs the DDA would cover and who would receive any revenue generated by Tanglefoot Park. **Groenevelt** said that residents she had talked to

said they would like the park to generate revenue or return it back to an RV park. The **Board** discussed options for the park, pavilion, having a splash pad and maintenance of all of it.

VI. Parks Assessment & Management Plan (Financing Options Update) – Burns explained that the Parks Assessment & Management Plan showed approximately \$4,000,000 in needed repairs over the next 10 years. **Burns** shared options to come up with money to pay for the repairs and indicated that Megan Doss spearhead fundraising. **Schuitema** said he thought that the redevelopment of Tanglefoot and a fundraiser for Central Park might confuse people.

VII. Miscellaneous Parks Updates:

- Marv's Bark Park – **Burns** reported that Eagle Scout candidate, Kyle Powers, would be installing the agility equipment over the weekend so the park would probably be closed Saturday and Sunday.

Tree Board Meeting

VIII. Fall Tree Planting/Trimming/Removal–

- **Burns** reported that the DPW picked out trees from the nursery and have put stakes in the ground for those residents that have requested a tree and in places where they thought a tree was needed and new trees would be planted in the nursery.
- **Burns** said that Lee Mueller and his crew were doing their tree assessment at this time so that report should be coming in the next few weeks. **Schuitema** mentioned there were dead trees at Mill Point.

IX. Public Comment

The was no public comment.

X. Board Member Comments –

Schuitema reported that the water level had gone down approximately a foot.

Dye mentioned that the sign crediting Eagle Scouts Alex and Danny Brower for creating the dog park, had still not been made so she asked for permission to do some preliminary design work with Lesley Van Leeuwen-Vega and Chuck Olmstead that she would bring back to the Board for approval. **Dye** also asked about recognizing others that had donated. **Stanford-Butler** said she had been working with the Brower's on wording for a sign and should would follow up on that.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk