



Minutes

**Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, July 6, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Dial-in number: 646-749-3122
Access code: 135-017-933
Spring Lake, MI 49456**

I. Call to Order

Roll Call: Curt Brower (Chair), Claire Groenevelt 7:02 (Vice Chair), George Barfield, Darcy Dye, Erik Poel and Lee Schuitema

Absent: Susan Petrus

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

II. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Poel**, 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 **Dye**, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 regular meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

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

V. Capital Improvement Plan

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:6124bc73-a306-439d-818a-47894432d8ec>

Burns said that the main takeaway from the Capital Improvement Plan was that the inventory of necessary park improvements was a larger number than our general fund was in a position to pay for right away even if our donor covered the cost of Central Park improvements. **Burns** said that, at some point, they could send out a survey to see if residents were interested in a millage to help with park improvements and maintenance and the Village was also looking at expensive repairs from high water damage. The **Board** discussed their thoughts on a millage and the donor's expectations. Chairman **Brower** said he thought the document was very well done but he had not finished going through it yet. **Dye** asked if they could see the layout and landscape sketches that show the firm's visions for Lakeside Beach and Central Park. **Dye** also suggested prioritizing projects by need. **Burns** said she would put them in a spreadsheet for the Board to prioritize.

VI. Miscellaneous Parks Updates:

- Whistle Stop Playground – **Burns** reported that the matting was starting to peel and, since it was still under warranty, the company that bought out the company that had installed the surface would be repairing it.

- Whistle Stop Playground port-a-potty – **Burns** said that after some discussion, it was determined that it would be more economical to rent a port-a-potty, so a location was chosen and a fence would be constructed to shield it.
- Lakeside Beach – **Burns** reported that she had received a voicemail from someone that was unhappy with the size of the beach. **Burns** said the DPW would be adding some sand to try to help.
- Marv’s Bark Park – **Burns** shared photos of some of the maintenance issues that she and Delamater saw when they walked the dog park. **Burns** said she and Delamater discussed different options to repair a number of the issues. **Stanford-Butler** shared some of the ideas she had come up with to raise funds for agility equipment, as well as some other upgrades. The **Board** discussed a number of the projects and maintenance repairs and how they could be resolved.
- Tanglefoot Park Docks – **Burns** reported that, unfortunately, the Village did not have a contract with the company that was supposed to install the docks at Tanglefoot and, as of today, the docks had still not been installed. **Burns** asked the Board their thoughts on refunding the dock rental deposits while allowing the boat owners to keep their seniority for next year or allowing the docks to be used this year, provided they are installed soon, and use the deposit as the dock rental fee. The **Board** agreed that either solution was fair to the dock renters.
- Tanglefoot Park Redevelopment (Bonding) - **Burns** reported that she was expecting 3D renderings and better engineering estimates from Progressive AE that would go back to the focus group. **Burns** said that once the focus group, Parks & Rec and Council were finished reviewing, a community engagement would be held to receive public input. **Burns** shared that the Verplank family has decided that they would like to put their sculpture at Tanglefoot Park once it’s finished.

VII. Miscellaneous –

- Art in the Park – **Stanford-Butler** shared that 5 high school artists had submitted concepts for a mural on Seven Steps Up and Gary and Michelle Hanks chose Liv Butler, who was Stanford-Butler’s daughter, to create her concept on their wall at Seven Steps Up. **Stanford-Butler** said that, because all of the submissions were so good, they wanted to give the other 4 student artists a commission. **Stanford-Butler** asked the Board to consider approval to place a mural, done as a collaborative effort, by all 4 remaining artists on the east wall as you enter Rotary Drive.

The **Parks & Rec.** Board agreed they loved the idea of a mural done by the high school artists.

Motion by **Barfield**, second from **Dye**, to utilize the brick wall along the east side of Rotary Drive for 4 more artists rendition. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

Tree Board Meeting

VIII. Miscellaneous Tree Updates

- 110 N. Buchanan – **Burns** reported that the arborist assessed 2 trees that a property owner requested be removed and determined that the trees were not a danger to the property owner. **Burns** said the property owner was relieved.
- Boardwalk @ Village Cove Marina – **Burns** explained that the boat owners have asked that the cottonwood trees around the marina be removed because they were unhealthy and a safety concern due to the water levels and they shed little fuzzies that stain their boats. **Burns** said the forester reported that the trees were fine so that request was denied.

IX. Board Member Comments – No additional comments from the Board.

X. Adjournment

Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Groenevelt**, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk