

Minutes

Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, May 3, 2021
7:00 p.m.
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 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Curt Brower, (Chair), Claire Groenevelt (Vice Chair), Darcy Dye, Dan O’Keefe, Lee Schuitema and Susan Petrus (Village Council Liaison).

Absent: None

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

II. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by **Groenevelt**, 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 **Groenevelt**, second from **Schuitema**, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021, regular meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

IV. Interview Parks & Recreation Applicant: **Burns** introduced board applicant, Nancy Meyers. Ms. Meyers shared a little about herself and reasons why she would like to be a member of the Parks Board.

Motion by **Dye**, second from **Schuitema**, to recommend that Council appoint Nancy Meyers to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Eric Poel to the Parks & Recreation Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

V. Finance Reports – Burns shared the finance reports with the Board.

VI. 2021/2022 Proposed Budgets – Burns led a discussion on the 2021/2022 Proposed Budgets.

VII. GHACF Mini-Grants – Burns explained that the GHACF had asked the Village to submit 2 to 4 ideas to the Community Foundation for Mini Grants of \$7,100, so the DDA would submit 2 and the Parks Board could submit 2. **Stanford-Butler** shared that the DDA suggested dog park improvements of a paw washing station and kiddy pools and student artist to paint the electrical boxes on Lakeside Trail. **Burns** shared suggestions such as universally accessible swings and hammock stands. The **Board** agreed these were great ideas and the universally accessible swings were especially needed but they also felt hammock stands would get a lot of use.

Resident, Kathryn Maki, asked if a bathroom remodel/repair at Central Park would be a good idea or creating accessibility to the water. **Burns** said these grants couldn't be used for repair or maintenance projects. **Burns** said she would submit the ideas to the GHACF, who would upload them so Residents could vote on their favorite project.

VIII. Tanglefoot Park Update – Burns reported that there had been a meeting earlier in the day with the DACC, which was required to meet to extend the life of the DDA until 2042 because the DDA would be paying back the 20-year bond and their length and term of the DDA needed to match the length of the bond and the last step would be adopting the Bond. Sharing a site plan, **Burns** said that she, **Stanford-Butler** and **Delamater** had met with the sculptor, landscape architect and Tony and Kyle Verplank to look at the existing trees to determine which ones could be saved and which trees would likely need to be removed. **Burns** shared drawings of the proposed pavilion and the colors that were being considered.

IX. Miscellaneous Parks Updates: Burns said she was waiting for a call back from Eric Elgin regarding the N. Buchanan Street end issues so as soon as she had information, she would pass that along. **O'Keefe** said that with the wake action in that area, keeping sand in place would be very difficult. Kathryn Maki suggested a product called Flexamat that was used to control erosion. **Burns** reported that sand was added to Lakeside Beach and Buchanan Street end and a picnic table would be added soon. **Burns** reported that N. Jackson St. was cleaned up and now open, but they were waiting to hear back from Ryan Arends, Village engineer, on the improvements. **Burns** said that Lakeside Beach was looking fantastic, Mill Point Park and boat launch were open, the Cutler Street end was scheduled to be paved, and that fishing pier and kayak launch should be in better shape than it had been. **Dye** asked how much it cost for a Lifeguard at Lakeside Beach in the past and was that beach, given the high use by families with small children safe without a lifeguard. **Burns** said she did not have that information and it would be out of date as it had been several years since the Village participated in SLARA. The Village's insurance indicated that they preferred there not be a lifeguard because there was less liability if they post "Swim at Your Own Risk - No Lifeguard" than if there was if a lifeguard was there and something happened.

Tree Board Meeting

X. Tree Removal – Burns reported that the Mill Point Park trees had been removed and today, on River St., they found a family of racoons with babies living in the tree that was set to be removed. Get-R-Cut was going to wait until the babies were able to move out before they finish removing the tree. A tree at the north end of Division died and needed to be removed and 2 trees at Barber School were infected with Needle Cast. **Burns** was asked the Board for a recommendation on how they would like to proceed with them. **Dye** suggested that when they replace these trees, it would be much better to plant low growing hardwood shrubs or trees that are deciduous because it was no longer advisable to plant fir or spruce due to a high degree of disease in Ottawa County. **Burns** said they would be looking to the arborist for recommendations of tree varieties to plant.

Motion by **Groenevelt**, second from **O'Keefe**, to remove the tree at Division and the diseased trees at Barber School. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

XI. Public Comment – Kathryn Maki thanked Petrus for bringing up the fact that there was a potential donor and also a proposed milage to maintain Central Park.

XII. Board Member Comments – There were no additional Board member comments.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by **Dye**, second from **Groenevelt**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m.

Yes: 5

No: 0

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk