

Minutes

Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, June 7, 2021
Barber School
102 W. Exchange St.
Spring Lake, MI 49456
7:00 p.m.



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

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

Absent: Darcy Dye

Also Present: Chris Burns (Village Manager), 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: The Draft minutes of the May 3, 2021 were not available and will be included with the July 6, 2021 agenda.

IV. Finance Reports – **Burns** shared the finance reports with the Board.

V. Central Park Hockey Rink Reservations – **Burns** explained that the Village had received a request to reserve the hockey rink for specific dates/times, but in the past, it had always been first come/first served. The board felt that this could be revisited in the fall, prior to hockey season commencing.

VI. Tanglefoot Park Update – **Burns** provided an update on the progress.

VII. Miscellaneous Parks Updates – **Burns** updated the Board as follows:

- **Whistle Stop Park's** picnic table was vandalized and DPW repaired it. The playground surface was scheduled to be sealed after July 1st, Friends of the GHACF cleaned up the garden area as part of their 50th Anniversary volunteer day and DPW was still working to repair the irrigation system in that area.
- **Central Park** restrooms have been repeatedly vandalized this spring/summer and OCSO has been investigating and hoping to have more to report soon. Sgt. Wendt was tightening up procedures with her staff to avoid future issues with locking and unlocking the restrooms at the appropriate times. DPW has contracted for mole eradication on the ball diamonds and **Stanford-Butler** was following up with Superior Monument to find out where we were in the queue for installation of the bronze plaque honoring the Brower boys Eagle Scout project from 2011.
- **Mill Point Park's** Canadian Goose situation is as bad as ever, but DPW has purchased a chemical that, if applied consistently, seems to be working and staff reached out to East Grand Rapids to inquire about their contract to have a dog at their parks, however, once the dog was not at the park, the geese return rather quickly.

- **Grand River Greenway** has lost most of the trees in the wetland and upland due to high water levels, so Adrienne Peterson and the arborist have been consulted to determine which limbs/trees were a threat to pedestrians or motorists and need to be trimmed or removed, however, any that do not pose a hazard, Adrienne recommended allowing them the fall and remain in the wetland. Once they fall, they cannot be removed without a permit.
- **Lakeside Beach** looks great thanks to the DPW's efforts and is being enjoyed by many. Dune grass from Hortech will be planted in the areas that need it and a complaint regarding the lack of ADA compliance at the beach was received so we have been working with the complainant to see what can be done in both the short-term and long-term to provide more accessibility for him as well as all residents and visitors.
- **Street Ends** continue to be cleaned up by DPW staff, N. Buchanan has a small sink hole, likely due to irrigation issues, Alden St. end has dead trees and is a mess due to high water levels, Parkhurst St. looked as good as it has in a couple of years and Jackson St. Fishing pier was getting lots of use, and the expensive long-term fix was on Ryan Arends from Moore & Bruggink's to-do list, but he was working mainly on the Village's water/sewer infrastructure to get those projects underway. Get-R-Cut addressed a dying Locust tree at the Division St. end.

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- VIII. Miscellaneous Tree Updates – Burns** reported that Get-R-Cut removed the pines infected with Needlecast at Barber School. Burns updated the Board on winter and spring tree removals which totaled 26 so in order to maintain our Tree City USA designation, 52 trees would need to be planted and per the arborist's recommendation, we will focus more on tree health and proper species and less on putting massive quantities of trees in the ground.
- IX. Public Comment – None.**
- X. Board Member Comments – None.**
- XI. Adjournment**

Motion by **O'Keefe**, second from Meyers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Yes: 5

No: 0

Curt Brower, Chair

Christine Burns, Village Manager