

Minutes

Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 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), Darcy Dye, Nancy Meyers, Dan O’Keefe and Lee Schuitema.

Absent: Susan Petrus

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: 6 No: 0

III. Presentation: **Drew Rayner (DNR) – Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) – Drew Rayner (DNR)**, explained the importance of Hemlock trees and introduced HWA and explained its detrimental effects on tree populations. Mr. Rayner then shared examples of the insect ovisac material that HWA creates on Hemlock trees. Mr. Rayner went on to describe the treatment being used to protect said trees. The **Board** appreciated being provided with this information.

IV. Approval of the Minutes: Motion by **Groenevelt**, second from **Schuitema**, to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2021, and August 2, 2021 regular meetings as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

V. Finance Reports – **Burns** shared the finance reports with the Board and reported that Stepanian was researching kiosks for both the Mill Point boat launch and Tanglefoot Park proposed transient dock rentals that would replace the current honor system to purchase daily launch passes and hourly dock rentals.

VI. Pickleball Sunshades – **Burns** provided an overview of the Pickleball Sunshade request through an Agenda Report dated September 2, 2021. As a Pickleball player, **Meyers** gave additional information on type of shade and location for a trial shade. **Dye** suggested the DPW be involved to oversee this project. **Burns** agreed.

Motion by **Dye** second from **Schuitema**, to approve experimentation of type and location for installation of Sunshades at the expense of the Pickleball Players in collaboration with Village DPW staff. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

VII. Tanglefoot Park Update – Burns provided an update on the Tanglefoot Park redevelopment progress:

- the kayak launch had been installed, temporarily, at Mill Point Park,
- foundation work was being done for the pavilion, which was scheduled to be delivered in October,
- the Poker Run had been rescheduled until spring,
- several trees, originally listed for removal, were now able to be saved,
- a donor had offered to pay for the foundation for the Verplank Memorial sculpture,
- fundraising was going well.

Dye asked if the Garrison’s would be recognized as chairs of Tanglefoot Park’s Capital Campaign. **Burns** said that recognition of donors and volunteers was still in progress, but they would be acknowledged at the ribbon cutting in any event.

VIII. Miscellaneous Parks Updates – Burns and Stanford-Butler updated the Board as follows:

- **Central Park** – the vandalized bathrooms were in the process of being repainted and having floors redone before new stalls were put in place. Trail cams had been installed to monitor the outside area and discourage further vandalism. The four agreed on ideas for the \$7000 GHACF mini grants would be voted on in early October.
- **Dog Park** – DPW Director Delamater was looking into sunshades and getting an estimate of how much concrete was required for the paw wash station. The DPW was working on fixing a broken irrigation line, several holes in the fence, and weed whipping in one of the bus stop shelters. Two more waste stations had been installed and a message center had been ordered.
- **Whistle Stop Park** – the pour-n-place play surface had been resealed.
- **Mill Point Park’s** – a goose repellent was being sprayed on the grass but, unfortunately, didn’t work to keep them off the docks and the resident on Park Street stopped feeding the ducks since she was notified of the new Ordinance.
- **O’Keefe** noted that there were pricker bushes growing over onto the N. Jackson Street end from the neighboring property. **Burns** said she would have them trimmed.

IX. Village Manager Absence – Burns shared that she would be back in time for the October 4th meeting but would be gone prior to that date and not able to create the agenda, so they could cancel the meeting or Stepanian could get the agenda and packet together. The **Board** agreed they would like to have Stepanian assemble the agenda and packet and hold the meeting.

Tree Board Meeting

X. Tree Inventory Grant Finalization – Burns noted that this project had been handed over to Stepanian to finish and submit by the October 30th deadline.

XI. Public Comment – N/A.

XII. Board Member Comments – N/A.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by **Groenevelt**, second from **Meyers**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Yes: 6 No: 0

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk