

Minutes

Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022
Barber School
102 W. Exchange St.
Spring Lake, MI 49456
7:00 p.m.



I. Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Claire Groenevelt (Vice Chair), Darcy Dye, Nancy Meyers and Dan O'Keefe,

Absent: Lee Schuitema and Susan Petrus (Village Council Liaison).

Also Present: Chris Burns (Village Manager), Elliott Stepanian (Assistant to the Village Manager), Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk) and Stefanie Herder (DDA Director)

II. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by **Meyers**, second from **Dye**, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 4 No: 0

III. Approval of the Minutes: Motion by **Dye**, second from **Meyers**, to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2021 regular meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 4 No: 0

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

V. Board Appointment – Burns reported that Curt Brower, Board Chair, had tendered his resignation from the Parks & Recreation Board effective 12/31/2021. The Village advertised to fill the vacancy and received numerous applications, however, 3 were Township residents who do not qualify to serve, but 4 other applicants did qualify. The **Board** discussed the 4 candidates and agreed that they were very impressed with Kristen Horine's qualifications on paper. **Dye** and **O'Keefe** agreed to interview her with Manager **Burns** and make their recommendation to the Board and then the Board would make their recommendation to Council. The **Board** also felt the other candidates were great and agreed with **Burns** that they should be asked to serve the Village on other Boards or projects. **Burns** said once a candidate was selected for the Parks & Rec. Board, she would reach out to the other candidates to discuss what other Board or project they might like to consider. The **Board** also agreed to wait until the Board was complete to elect a new Chair.

VI. Ice Rink Hours & Maintenance Update – **Burns** provided an overview of a request from Nate Gates for designated family ice skating hours at Central Park through an Agenda Report dated February 1, 2022.

The **Board** discussed family skate times and the suggested hours and agreed to one hour in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon.

Motion by **Dye**, second from **Meyers**, to approve designated hours of 11:00 a.m. to noon and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as family skate time. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 4

No: 0

VII. Tanglefoot Docks – Burns provided an overview of the proposed use of Capital Campaign funds to purchase a new floating dock system for Tanglefoot Park through an Agenda Report dated February 1, 2022.

The **Board** discussed new docks and the number of transient versus seasonal docks according to the Grant requirements and if all the docks should be transient. The **Board** also discussed allowing fishing on docks when slips were empty and extending one of the docks further out to accommodate fishermen. **Stepanian** was going to look up the grant documentation to find out how many transient docks were required. **Burns** was going to speak with the dock manufacturer to determine the feasibility of an extension, along with permitting requirements.

VIII. Tanglefoot Rental Rates – Burns and Herder provided an overview for determining rental rates for the new Tanglefoot Park pavilion through an Agenda Report dated February 2, 2022.

The **Board** discussed the rate comparison list, pavilion amenities, tiered cleaning fees, and the possibility of having a third party handle the rentals.

IX. ARPA Funding Discussion – Burns provided an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding the Village would be receiving through an Agenda Report dated February 1, 2022.

Burns asked the Board to provide infrastructure ideas they would like to see the ARPA funds used on and then those ideas would be ranked through a survey. The **Board** discussed ideas such as repairs to the Jackson Street fishing dock, a new roof on Whistle Stop pavilion and Central Park playground equipment.

X. Miscellaneous Parks Updates – N/A

Tree Board Meeting

XI. Tree Removal & Trimming – Burns provided an overview of Tree Removal through an Agenda Report dated February 1, 2022.

The **Board** discussed the 15 trees marked for removal and those marked for pruning.

Motion by **Dye**, second from **Meyers**, to approve the removal of 13 trees on the TreeKeeper list, plus the removal of 2 additional dead trees at Mill Point Park. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 4

No: 0

XII. Public Comment – N/A.

XIII. Board Member Comments – N/A

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Claire Groenevelt, Vice Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk