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

Roll Call: Darcy Dye (Chair), Dan O'Keefe (Vice-Chair), Claire Groenevelt, Kristen Horine, Nancy Meyers, Lee Schuitema, and Susan Petrus (Village Council Liaison).

Absent: None

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

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

Yes: 6  No: 0

III. Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Schuitema, second from Groenevelt, to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022, regular meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6  No: 0

IV. Finance Reports – Burns reviewed the finance reports with the Board. Dye asked what happened to any money left in their budget at the end of the fiscal year. Burns explained that it rolled back into fund balance so that it’s there for future use. Dye asked if some of that money could be put aside for park maintenance. Burns said yes, a Parks & Recreation Assessment & Management Plan was completed in 2020. That plan is the road map staff uses to plan maintenance and repairs.

V. Parks Updates (Wally Delamater) – Delamater provided an update on maintenance and projects the DPW was working on including Central Park, pickleball courts, Marv’s Bark Park, irrigation, Lakeside Beach, Mill Point Park boat launch, kayak launch, Mill Point parking lot, geese repellant at Mill Point, Whistle Stop Park, Tanglefoot Park, Lakeside Trail and the new corn hole games purchased by the DDA for the Social District. The Board discussed putting corn hole games at Central Park.

VI. Tanglefoot Park Update – Burns provided an overview of the Tanglefoot Park redevelopment through an email from John Westlund of GDK Construction dated April 22, 2022. Burns added that the ribbon cutting and opening of the Farmers Market were planned for the first part of June and then updated the Board on the Call to Artists.

VII. Kayak Rentals – Burns provided an overview of the Rent.fun Kayak Rental proposal through an Agenda Report dated April 29, 2022.

Dye had concerns with people kayaking that had no experience and was in favor of having a company that gave instructions to kayakers. The Board discussed the safety of kayaking and personal responsibility.
Motion by Schuitema, second from Groenevelt, to approve a contract Motion carried.

Yes: 5  No: 1 (Dye)

Tree Board Meeting

VIII. Tree Nursery Update – Delamater updated the Board on the 56 street trees planted last fall, 25 of those from the tree nursery, 40 trees planted last week in the tree nursery for a total of approximately 65 trees. Delamater reported on the difficulty they were having finding a tree service because the tree companies were very busy, Trees were going to be prioritized and the number of trees to be maintained per year would be cut in half to make it easier on the budget. Delamater shared that they had surveyed the brick pavers downtown and the majority would need to be pulled and reset and some of the trees in the downtown needed to be replaced with a smaller species because they were pushing through the concrete. Delamater updated the Board on the tree pruning, care, and maintenance training the DPW staff has been getting from the Forester.

IX. Public Comment –
- Brian Obits, 740 Winter, thanked the Board for their service to the community and shared that he and his wife Karen were very excited about Tanglefoot Park and that they led a 17-piece dance band and would love to have an opportunity to put on a dance series at Tanglefoot.
- Karen Obits, 740 Winter, added that the name of their band was the Lakeshore Big Band. Mrs. Obits asked if the Board had thought about being more in tune with the environment by planting varieties that required less water. Chairperson Dye explained that Board Member Kristen Horine was an expert in that field and the Village Ordinance had been rewritten to incentivize the use Michigan Natives. Burns added that Chairperson Dye was a Master Naturalist and the Village was very conscious of planting natives. Chairman Dye thanked Mrs. Obits for her comments and concerns about planting native.

X. Board Member Comments – None.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Schuitema, second from Meyers, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6  No: 0

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Darcy Dye, Chair                  Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk