Minutes

Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022
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: Darcy Dye (Chair), Claire Groenevelt, Kristen Horine, Nancy Meyers & Lee Schuitema

Absent: Dan O’Keefe (Vice-Chair)

Also Present: Chris Burns (Village Manager), Wally Delamater and Jordan Schwing (Deputy Clerk)

II. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Schuitema, second from Groenevelt 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 from the July 5, 2022 & August 1, 2022, regular meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

V. Tanglefoot Update (Connor Keech) – Keech was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

VI. Central Park Naming Rights – Burns addressed the Doss family’s request to rename Central Park to North Bank Park following a sizeable donation to the Central Park Capital Campaign in 2016.

The Board discussed the name and signage changes in Central Park and the development accomplished by the Doss family’s contributions before agreeing to pass the matter of renaming the park on to Village Council.

VII. Art in the Park Update – Burns discussed the progress of the art projects being developed around the Village and the success of completed art projects. Burns reviewed the placement of the donated sculptures and the efforts of Stepanian to discover the identity of the sculptors and sculpture names for appropriate recognition.

Delamater and Horine discussed the width and maintenance of path in Central Park in relation for the Doss sculpture.

Burns spoke on the completion of the mural on the side of Spring Lake Wine & Spirits. Dye inquired on the status of their outside landscaping efforts in relation to Zoning compliance.

VIII. Miscellaneous Parks Updates (Wally Delamater) –

Standing Seam Roofs - Delamater discussed the status and installation of standing seam roofs for Central Park and Whistlestop which have been further delayed by the manufacturer.
Geese - Delamater discussed the efforts at Mill Point Park to prevent geese from roosting, which includes a vegetation treatment and a flashing light that disorients the animals at night. The Board discussed the methods being utilized to address the problem and whether it would be optimal to extend these efforts to additional recreational locations.

Park Maintenance – Delamater reported increased strain on full-time DPW staff to accomplish all required tasks due to a lack of Manpower workers who, in previous years, were employed seasonally.

Tanglefoot Park – Burns noted that there was a shipment of furniture at the DPW that has yet to be assembled by GDK.

Burns updated the Board on the continued delays with the Kayak rentals at Tanglefoot Park.

Delamater discussed the success of reservations and Burns confirmed that reservations have been made extending into 2024.

Delamater and Burns discussed the installation and utilization of 7 security cameras to prevent vandalism.

Central Park Swings - Burns addressed Meyers inquiry over swing set installation and the costs associated with specialized pour-in-place surfacing required for its usage. The Board discussed the additional costs associated with the swing set and the possibility of reaching out to engineers for alternative, more cost-effective, ground covering options.

Boat Launches – Burns discussed the increased revenue generated by the enforcement tickets issued for improper boat launches.

Central Park Skating Rink – Delamater notified the Board that the skating rink had been power washed in preparation for ice skating this winter.

Tree Board Meeting

IX. Fall Tree Trimming/Removal – Delamater update the Board on the tree maintenance bids that had been released with the slated due date of September 21st. Once a bid is accepted by the Village Council, the expected tree maintenance is due to be completed January 31st. Delamater clarified that the Village has approximately 80 trees and stumps that require pruning or removal.

Delamater continued that of the trees currently growing in the nursery, 82 trees must be planted this Fall and the efforts made to diversify the species. He is going to approach Council regarding the acquisition of an auger to accelerate the planting process.

X. Public Comment – N/A

XI. Board Member Comments – Burns notified the Board that O’Keefe is resigning his seat on the board, resulting in an open position that will be posted in the future for interested parties.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Groenevelt, second from Schuitema the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5  No: 0

Darcy Dye, Chair  Jordan Schwing, Deputy Clerk