



**Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Rec Committee
Monday, January 4, 2016
7.00pm Village Hall EOC Room
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

Roll Call: Curt Brower (Chair), Claire Groenevelt (Vice Chair), Cal Braun, Matt Rice and Lee Schuitema.

Absent: Erik Poel and Megan Doss (Village Liaison)

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

- II. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Groenevelt**, to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Braun**, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

IV. General Business

- 1. Central Park Capital Campaign & Whistle Stop Capital Campaign -** Manager **Burns** reported that the \$300,000 had been raised for Central Park but they were going to keep fundraising to get to the new goal of \$350,000 to really make the park a show place. **Burns** said she had made a couple of donations that were able to be matched by the Consumers Energy Foundation and since Erik **Poel** works for Consumers Energy his donation of hours on the Board qualifies him for a \$500 Grant. **Burns** said the project was out for bids and due on February 10th with hopes of going to Council for approval at the February 15th meeting. **Burns** also said that Kevin Curley, acting as Chairperson for the Central Park Capital Campaign, is really big into Pickleball and will be trying to get more donations from the approximately 300 members of the Lakeshore Pickleball Club in hopes

of raising enough money to build 8 courts instead of the 6 that were proposed. Burns said so far the Pickleball Association has donated \$14,000 but Curley hopes to get donations from individual Pickleball players.

Burns reported that she had passed on the information from the open house meeting, as far as likes and dislikes, to Aaron Sligh from Great Lakes Recreation but she has not heard back from him yet. **Schuitema** said that from what he had heard some of the folks want a park that would cover ages from pampers to depends. **Burns** said that was almost impossible to have one piece of playground equipment to serve such a broad range but they want to include benches and things like that for people moving into Mill Point Senior Housing. **Burns** said they were thinking about Whistle Stop being geared towards ages 2 to 7 and Central Park to be geared towards ages 8 - and up. **Braun** asked if there were concerns for child safety with the playground by the bike path. **Burns** said they had talked to Deputy Allard and he did not see any concerns there but she would run it by him again. **Burns** said they had received a grant from the Rotary for a little over \$2,300 to start the Whistle Stop Capital Campaign and that she had put money towards the park and was waiting for a match from Consumers Energy and Doss had pledged \$10,000.

Schuitema asked if there had been action taken towards solar lights along the bike path. **Burns** said that there were legal challenges because the Village was very heavily regulated by treasury and that is considered an investment and it very complicated in that there is no such thing as free power. **Burns** said that she didn't think Belknap had done anymore research on that and the reason he was not at this meeting was that Friday would be his last day with the Village. **Burns** explained that Belknap had accepted a new job with MDOT. The **Board** agreed that Belknap would be missed and would be hard to replace.

2. **Tanglefoot Park update** - **Burns** said that Wally had left a to-do-list of items that needed to be done and since Mother Nature had been kind the DPW had been able to be working on that list instead of plowing. **Burns** said the last she knew, the docks and seasonal tenants were at capacity.
3. **Dog Park** - Manager **Burns** said she had nothing new to report. **Schuitema** said he had heard people would like a bench in the wind enclosure to sit while their dogs ran in the park. The **Board** thought that would be a good Scout project or someone to sponsor it with their name on it.

4. **Lakeside Beach** - Nothing new to report

5. **Mill Point Park** - Manager **Burns** reported that the sea wall was holding. **Burns** also said that the agreement with Village Cove would be ending and they would have to come up with a new place for dock storage next year. **Schuitema** wondered about storing the docks north of the boat launch. The **Board** discussed this possibility and thought it would be worth exploring.

V. **Tree Board Meeting**

1. **Village Tree Maintenance** - **Burns** reported that the trees in Central Park had been trimmed and that during the wind storm there were only a few insignificant branches that came down.

2. **Other Miscellaneous Business to Come Before the Board**

Groenevelt remarked on how nice it looked to have the fence down at Mill Point Park property line. All the **Board** agreed that was a great improvement. **Burns** also updated the Board on the demolition and upcoming new construction on Shady Lane, moving of Bridgeview Insurance, Dr. Achy is looking to demolish his old building and the house next door and build a new building, and 2 new resale shops have opened.

VI. **Adjournment**

Motion by **Braun**, seconded by **Groenevelt**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk