



**Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Rec Committee
Monday, February 1, 2016
7.00pm Village Hall EOC Room
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

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

Absent: 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: 6 No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Braun**, to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 regular meeting with the correction of the day of the week shown. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

IV. General Business

- 1. Central Park Capital Campaign** - Manager **Burns** reported that, with the \$225 check Erik Poel brought in from the Consumers Energy Foundation, they were up to \$318,435 and the goal was \$350,000. **Burns** said the bids were due in next week and they were hoping they come in favorable and even if they didn't raise the full \$350,000 they were still able to do everything they had envisioned for the park. **Burns** said that she and **Doss** had been meeting regularly with potential donors and the last meeting they had was with Craig Cather, Snow Jam Chairperson, who indicated that all profits from Snow Jam on February 13th would be given back to the Central Park Project and they anticipated that amount to be between \$8,000 and \$10,000. **Burns** said Rotary had already given the campaign \$5,000 and they

were hopeful that even with the weather there would be a good turnout.

Burns said she had received new rendering from Aaron Sligh that included a zip line and a couple of other pieces of equipment that were geared towards an older age group. **Burns** said once the bids were back they would go to the February Council meeting for approval and as soon as the asphalt plants opened in the spring they would move ahead with construction. **Burns** said they were not anticipating that it would take long and wanted to have the Pickle Ball courts done by the second week of June for the Heritage Festival Pickle Ball tournament.

- 2. Whistle Stop Playground Capital Campaign - Burns** reported that, so far, \$2,769 had been raised and that **Doss** wanted to have the Central Park Campaign buttoned up before they start with the big asks, but they have met with a few people. **Burns** said they had met with Developer Phil Seybert, who was building Liberty Senior Housing, since the park would be in their back yard. **Burns** said Mr. Seybert was interested in donating and was checking his finances. **Burns** told the **Board** that they could install the equipment in stages if they didn't raise \$150,000. **Burns** said they also have grant applications in to the Community Foundation and should hear on those within the next 30 to 60 days and that they had received money from the Youth Advisory Council for Central Park and hoped they would donate for Whistle Stop too.

Aaron Sligh was present and was excited to show the **Board** new renderings of the proposed play equipment. The **Board** discussed the color scheme and talked about brighter colors. **Poel** said that his 8 year old daughter and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders he had shown the drawings to say that the bright primary colors were too babyish. Mr. Sligh showed the **Board** a new product called "Hypar Net" and how it could fit into the foot print by replacing the "Energy Builder" with it. The **Board** discussed this and decided they liked the "Energy Builder". **Burns** asked the **Board** if they were comfortable with Megan **Doss** working with Mr. Sligh on the color scheme. The **Board** agreed that they were fine with that.

- 3. Tanglefoot Park update - Burns** reported that Wally would like the Board's guidance on the ratio of seasonal tenant's verses transient tenant's verses monthly tenant's. **Burns** said that they could essentially make the entire park seasonal and it would be a lot less work for Wally in regards to getting people in and out on weekends and holidays, but they did need to have one or two transient sites to maintain their license. **Burns** explained that they make the most money on the transients because it's quite expensive to come in for a

couple of days and then leave but they are also very high maintenance and they don't always mix well with the seasonal residents. **Burns** said they could rent out 28 spots seasonally or they could keep more open since they have a waiting list for the transient sites. **Burns** said Wally was not afraid of hard work but her concern was for long term since Wally would not be the Park Manager forever and to find someone to fill his shoes that would be will to be on-call every weekend and put in the hours that Wally does for the transient sites would be hard to find. **Burns** said from her perspective, it would be easier to have as many seasonal sites as possible. **Groenevelt** asked if seasonal residents could sublet their lots. **Burns** said they could not sublet. The **Board** agreed they would recommend having the minimal amount of transient sites.

V. Tree Board Meeting

1. **Tree Nursery Update** - No update at this time.
2. **Other Miscellaneous Business to Come Before the Board** - **Burns** thanked Erik **Poel** for serving on the Board giving him the opportunity, as an employee of Consumers Energy, to apply for the \$225 grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation that the Board would put towards the Central Park Capital Campaign.

VI. **Adjournment**

Motion by **Groenevelt**, seconded by **Schuitema**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk