



**Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Rec Committee
Monday, March 7, 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, Lee Schuitema and Megan Doss (Village Liaison)

Absent: None

Also present: Ben VanHoeven (DPW Foreman), Mary Paparella (Tanglefoot Park Coordinator) and Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk)

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

Yes: 6 No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Groenevelt**, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

IV. General Business

- 1. Central Park Capital Campaign - Doss** reported to the Board that the numbers were still coming in but that they had reached their goal. **Doss** also updated the board on the fundraising that Kevin Curley had done for the Pickleball courts reporting that he had raised \$20,000 within a week and a half, with one anonymous donor giving \$13,000, so they were able to install 8 Pickleball courts instead of 6.
- 2. Whistle Stop Playground Capital Campaign - Doss** reported that she would be aggressively asking for donations for this project after spring break because a couple of the potential donors were out of town. **Doss** also went over the drawings and colors of this project and asked the **Board** for any changes or suggestions. The **Board** agreed they liked the design and colors. **Schuitema** felt there needed to be dedicated lighting.

Poel suggested putting posters up at the current park showing the proposed new park design and ways to donate. **Doss** thought that was a great idea and definitely something that could help raise money.

- 3. Tanglefoot Park update** - Park Manager **Stuhlmann**, on speaker phone from Florida, called to request that the **Board** approve 4 transient sites instead of the 2 that were approved last month. **Stuhlmann** said that 4 sites made it easier to shuffle reservations around to accommodate requests from very loyal transients that make reservations a year in advance. **Stuhlmann** said that without the added 2 sites they would have to turn away and possibly lose these loyal campers that we depend on for referrals since Tanglefoot does not advertise anywhere to speak of. **Stuhlmann** said without these transients and their referrals the park could end up where it was a few years ago. **Stuhlmann** said that several of the applications for 2016 were from transients that had stayed at Tanglefoot over the years and now want to become seasonal. **Stuhlmann** thanked the **Parks Board** for approving all the upgrades over the last three years and that the results show in a very positive way and he also thanked **Mary** for all the work she does for the Park.

The **Board** discussed 2 sites verses 4 sites and concluded that if **Stuhlmann** would like the 2 extra sites, even though it may be more work for him, then they would approve 4 sites.

Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Braun**, to approve 4 transient sites for Tanglefoot Park instead of 2. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

VanHoeven reported to the **Board** that the contract with Village Cove Marina for dock storage would expire in March 2016. **VanHoeven** said he had talked to Don Mulder about the best options (currently Mulder takes the docks in and out). Mulder said that what they were doing now was really the best option but the docks could be removed from the water and stored on the parking lot of Mill Point Park. **VanHoeven** felt that taking them in and out was more of a risk for damage and wondered about just paying Village Cove for storage instead of working a deal with them. **Brower** said that part of that stemmed from Village Cove wanting the Village to take out cotton wood trees along their property line and the Tree Board denied that request unless Village Cove wanted to pay for it. **VanHoeven** said he just wanted the Board to know about the contract so a plan for this fall could be in the works.

VanHoeven also said they had to look at a leach basin at Tanglefoot where water ponds and there was a sink hole. **VanHoeven** said this was on his list for next year and they would be putting a budget number

together for the next fiscal year. **Schuitema** and **VanHoeven** discussed the best way that this might be done.

VanHoeven reported that they had tied both water lines together for the water supply so there was one shutoff instead of two for the seasonal opening and closing.

Doss said she felt the sink hole at the Jackson Street dock should take precedence over the smaller one at Tanglefoot because Jackson Street end was considered a park and it was heavily used by fisherman. The **Board** discussed both projects and wanted to see a quote for Tanglefoot before they moved forward with their decision.

Dog Park Update: **Schuitema** asked **VanHoeven** about the locks for the large gates that were put in for Consumers use. **VanHoeven** said he had not heard anything about locks for the gates but he would get them and let Consumers know so they wouldn't be surprised if they had to enter the Dog Park. **Doss** said she remembered there being a decision made to lock the gates so people did not use them to enter and exit the park. Looking back to the October 2015 Minutes it was confirmed that the **Board** had agreed the gates should be locked.

Motion by **Braun**, seconded by **Schuitema**, to have locks put on the large end gates in the Dog Park that were only for DPW and Consumers use. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6 No: 0

4. **Lakeside Beach:** **VanHoeven** reported that he had only been able to obtain one quote even after talking to 3 more companies. **VanHoeven** said that the bid he did receive was from the same company that did Mill Point Park and that price was fair and the quote for Lakeside Beach was lower than the budgeted amount so he would probably go with them.

V. Tree Board Meeting

1. **Tree Nursery Update -** **VanHoeven** showed the Board a map of what the Nursery would look like and said that Landscape Design would be doing the planting and Krause Brothers would be doing the sprinkling, connecting from where the Country Club's sprinkling left off. **VanHoeven** said he had a call in to the Arborist to see when they might be able to get started planting. **Groenevelt** asked if the trees had been removed from the Dog Park. **VanHoeven** said that they had moved out all but about 10 trees that still needed to be moved.

VanHoeven offered to take the **Board** out to the new Nursery at some point so they could see what it was like in person.

VI. Adjournment

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

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk