



**Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Rec Committee
Monday, April 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: Megan Doss (Village Liaison) and Erik Poel

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 **Braun**, second from **Rice**, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016 regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

IV. General Business

- 1. Pickleball Scheduling** - Manager **Burns** introduced Kevin Curley, and Bob Younkens who have been very actively involved, in one way or another, with the whole Pickleball program at Central Park.

Burns explained that there seemed to be a lot of demand for the use of these courts and, just for the sake of harmony, thought it might be a worthwhile investment to purchase some scheduling software. **Burns** gave the **Board** a brief description of how the scheduling software worked and, as they were working on the budget, if the Board thought this was an expenditure that they were willing to consider, it could be included. **Braun** asked if this would be a yearly expense and how would they recoup it. **Burns** said that it was a yearly expense and the money would come out of the General Fund. **Curley** said that the Pickleball players could give a portion of proceeds from their tournaments to the Village for providing the courts. **Burns** also suggested charging for tournament use. **Curley** explained the issues that the Mulligan's Hollow Pickleball courts have had and how this scheduling software would be very helpful to keep the use of the courts from being dominated by one large group. **Burns** explained that www.tennisbookings.com seemed to be very popular software with other municipalities.

Groenevelt asked if there would be staff involvement. **Burns** said there would be some initial setup by staff but then it would be up to the players to book their playing time.

Motion by **Braun**, second from **Schuitema**, to approve the purchase of booking software for the Pickleball court scheduling. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

- 2. Central Park Capital Campaign - Burns** reported that while they were waiting for the Soil Erosion Sedimentation Control (SESC) permit from Ottawa County they had started tree trimming and anything else they could that did not violate any codes based on the Soil Erosion permits. **Burns** said they were not where they wanted to be with the fundraising so they would not be able to do the playground equipment to honor Vicki Verplank unless some of the people that had said yes to donate but hadn't written a check yet came through, otherwise that would have to be a different phase. **Burns** explained that in the past when there was a big rain event the water drained from north to south and ended up at the tennis courts, which accelerated the deterioration. **Burns** said after the last big rain DPW Foreman **VanHoeven** checked the park and the water was pooled in the same area so **VanHoeven** met with the engineer, Ryan Arends, and they decided to add a leaching basin, curb and gutter to help with the water for a cost of around \$6000. **Burns** informed the Board that the neighbors around the park had been notified of the work schedule and street closing and that this information had also been posted on our website and Facebook.
- 3. Tanglefoot Park update - Burns** reported that the four transient spots were pretty much full for the season as were the seasonal RV spots and that the docks were all reserved, although the construction of the new docks had been delayed slightly due to the theft of the floatation devices. **Burns** said that **VanHoeven** would be moving large flower pots to the old play ground area in the park once Wally returned this month. **Burns** also said that most of Wally's "to do" list had been done and, with the park officially opening on April 15th, Wally should be back soon. **Burns** said there was still an issue with the sanitary sewer that goes out of the south side of the building but they were waiting for the ground to thaw and then that would be taken care of too.
- 4. Lakeside Beach Roof - Burns** reported that Council approved the bid for the roof repairs, the steel had been ordered and construction was slated to commence once the steel was delivered. **Burns** said the buoys would be going in the water in about a month. **Schuitema** mentioned that the water level was very high and could sand be added to try to keep it away from the new sidewalk. **Burns** said sand was normally added annually but she would make sure it was on **VanHoeven's** to do list.
- 5. Mill Point Park - Burns** said all the docks were in and all the non-transient docks had been reserved.
- 6. Whistle Stop Playground - Burns** said the capital campaign had commenced and letters would be sent to property owners in the Village. **Burns** reported that **Doss** was

organizing a gathering for potential (larger) donors for mid-April and that a banner had been ordered to hang at the park that would inform people how they can donate.

7. **Budget - Burns** said she and **Hinga** would be working on the FY 16/17 budget and, aside from the typical maintenance, there were no larger projects in the budget for 16/17. **Burns** asked if there were items that the committee members would like to see incorporated into the budget. The **Board** discussed new lighting for the bike path and felt that was an important project.

V. **Tree Board Meeting**

1. **Tree Nursery Update** - no Tree Nursery update at this time.
2. **Arbor Day (April 29, 2016) - Burns** said that the tree would be ordered and they were open for suggestions on planting locations. **Burns** said that last year's tree was placed at the west end of Tanglefoot Park. The **Board** discussed where to plant the new tree and decided they would like it to be planted in Central Park down from the tree that was planted for Vicki Verplank in 2014.

VI. **Miscellaneous**

Brower asked if there was a plan set in place for ongoing park maintenance. **Burns** said that there was not at this time but that was something Council wanted to do so they were working on a 5 year Capital Plan for parks.

VII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, with a motion by **Schuitema**, seconded by **Braun**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Curt Brower, Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk