



**Village of Spring Lake**  
**Draft Council Work Session Minutes**

**November 11, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

**102 W Savidge Street (Upstairs Conference Room)**  
**Spring Lake, MI 49456**

President **Powers** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Solar Proposal (Bill Cousins)**

At the August 12, 2019 work session, Bill Cousins was given direction to seek additional proposals for solar installation at Village Hall and the DPW.

**2. Fire Suppression Ordinance (Wally Delamater)**

Without clear rules as to who pays for what, the Village was saddled with an expensive repair to a fire suppression water line leading to private property last year. In order to prevent this from occurring in the future, staff would like to propose language to be contemplated by Council in the form of ordinance language. This will be considered at the December Council Meeting.

**3. Pedestrian Crossing Sign Installation**

Due to a car/pedestrian accident on May 9, 2019 at E. Savidge & Prospect, Council directed staff to work with MDOT on options to increase safety for pedestrians attempting to cross Savidge on their way to school. This will be considered at the December Council Meeting.

**4. Tree Trimming & Removal Bids (Wally Delamater)**

RFPs were solicited for tree trimming and removal throughout the Village. A total of 5 bids were received ranging from \$21,550 to \$53,264. DPW Director Wally Delamater met with consultant Lee Mueller to review the specifications in greater detail and recommended awarding the contract to low bidder to Get-R-Gut.

**5. Ordinance Amendment (Stonegate Condominiums)**

Due to ground water contamination dating back 30 years, Wood Environment & Infrastructure is asking the Village to amend its ordinance to include properties affected by a fuel discharge at 728 E. Savidge (Shell Gas Station). All costs associated with the ordinance amendment will be covered by Schmuckal Oil. Attorney Bob Sullivan drafted an ordinance, which will be on the December agenda.

**6. Plan Review Fees**

The Village currently pays Bob Modreske \$50 per hour to review building plans that are submitted. Bob has indicated that his hourly rate is to increase to \$75/hour, however, the Village has no contract with Bob. The Village's relationship is with MTS

and the contract dictates the hourly rate. Council suggested that Mr. Modreske work with Greg Mason at MTS if he wishes to receive a raise.

**7. Discussion ~ Redevelopment of Tanglefoot Park**

With the decision made to repurpose Tanglefoot Park, it is necessary to discuss what the next steps are to move forward with the project. Progressive AE has submitted cost estimates for the redevelopment. Their proposal will be forwarded to the DDA for consideration.

**8. Art in the Park Sculpture Update**

A “Call to Artists” was released this past summer, with submissions due on October 27<sup>th</sup>. A total of 13 submissions were received for a sculpture in honor of Gary & Vicki Verplank. Staff met with the Art in the Park Committee and are scheduled to meet with Tony and Kyle Verplank on 11/11/19 to select an artist.

**9. Board & committee Appointments**

As the time the agenda was distributed, staff was still waiting on a few applications from incumbents.

Board	Openings	Name	Term	Incumbent
Parks & Recreation	3	Lee Schuitema	11/2022	X
		Darcy Dye	11/2022	X
Historic Conservation	4	Mark Miller	11/2022	X
		Danny Grable	11/2022	
		William Young	11/2022	
Planning Commission	1	Tom Drooger	11/2022	
ZBA	2	Jim MacLachlan	11/2022	X (alt)
		Bill Meyers		X

**10. Central Park Reservations ~ Rotary Snow Jam**

Spring Lake Rotary would like to utilize Central Park on February 7 & 8, 2020 for their annual Snow Jam event. Staff has held their preliminary meeting with the applicant.

**11. Mill Point Park Reservation ~ Historic Conservation Committee**

The Historic Conservation Committee has requested the use of Mill Point Park for their annual Wooden Boat Show on May 30, 2020.

**12. Mass Gathering Ordinance Update**

### **13. You Make the Difference Award (Dave Kauchek)**

Dave Kauchek has served on the Planning Commission since November 23, 2010. He has served as the Chairperson of the PC since December 15, 2015. Dave has recently announced his retirement and is not seeking reappointment. It would be appropriate to acknowledge his service, although he will not be in attendance at the Council Meeting as he and his wife have relocated to Arizona for the winter.

### **14. Planning Contract with Grand Haven City**

The Village and the City of Grand Haven have a contractual arrangement for Planning services that expires at the end of 2019. It warrants discussion on how to move forward in 2020.

### **15. Communications**

- Calendar – GHACVB (November)
- Calendar – SLDL (November)
- Complaint (Barnes)
- Complaint (Duer)
- Complaint (Long)
- Complaint (Newman)
- Complaint (O'Brien)
- Complaint (Wolters)
- Dredging Opposition (GVSU)
- Eagle Scout Project
- NOCH Newsletter (November)

### **16. Spring Lake District Library Board Update**

Mark Powers and Chris Burns serve as the appointees to the SLDL Board. They provided an update on the happenings at the library since their appointments in January.

### **17. Infiltration Issues (Wally Delamater)**

Residents who are struggling with high water tables at their homes are currently pumping storm water into Village Streets or the sanitary sewer. With the onset of winter, alternate arrangements need to be contemplated.

### **18. Minutes**

Minutes of the October 14, 2019 Work Session and October 21, 2019 regular meeting are attached for review. Should you wish to make edits, please share that information with Chris Burns or Maryann Fonkert prior to November 15, 2019.

### **19. Public Comment**

Council Work Sessions are open to the public, and as such, the public is invited to speak at the end of each meeting. Each speaker should limit their comments to 3 minutes.

**20. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Mark Powers, Village President

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Christine Burns, Village Manager