

**Village of Spring Lake  
Parks & Rec Committee  
Monday, April 7, 2014  
7.00pm Village Hall  
Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Groenevelt, Yassenak, Schuitema, Brower, Poel, Nauta, and Belknap

Excused: McCulloch, Manager Burns

Guests: Jon Hall, Pat Muenstermann and Tonya Tuntevski – Consumers Energy  
Cam Hordyk and Jordan Hordyk – Boy Scouts  
Diane Ross and Deb Rewitzer – SL Township Residents – Dog Park

**Committee Review: Agenda** - Motion by Brower, support by Schuitema to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Brower, support by Schuitema to approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2014 regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**II. Agenda**

**New Business**

- 1. Consumers Energy Tree Program** - Jon Hall, Forestry Operations Communications Director, gave a presentation regarding Consumers Energy's Tree Program. Attached is a copy of the Power Point Presentation (Attachment 1). Mr. Hall educated the Committee on the fungus, Oak Wilt, which mainly affects Red Oaks. Attached is a copy regarding the DNR advice on how to prevent the spread of the disease. (Attachment 2)

Pat Muenstermann, Consumers Energy Local Forester, told the Commission that he reviews the health of the trees that are in the right-a-way. Mr. Muenstermann and his crew will mark the trees for removal or trimming/pruning.

Tonya Tuntevski from Consumers Energy said she was the area's Forestry Lead Planner and it was her job to review the selected trees that were scheduled for removal, trim/pruning or brush/saplings to be removed from power lines that may have a direct effect to the homeowner. Ms. Tuntevski said she will go door to door, leave a door tag (see attachment 3) and make a phone call to the homeowner. Ms. Tuntevski also said she works with our DPW director to advise him of trees that will be worked on by Consumers Energy. Belknap included a map of area trees that were scheduled to have work done in 2014 (see attachment 4) and was working on a letter to be sent to the homeowner regarding tree work.

- 2. Eagle Scout Project** - Jordan Hordyk from Scout Troop 14 gave a presentation for the Mill Point Park Flag Pole Beautification. Mr. Hordyk presented the committee with three different options. Groenevelt made a motion to approve option 3 of

Hordyk's designs, supported by Yassenak. Mr. Hordyk's proposal did not include the 5 service flags or the benches. The Committee felt that having a complete circle would eliminate the possibility for the corners to become cracked and it should be easier for the mowers. DPW Director Belknap will assist the Scout with the different types of materials to strengthen the concrete because of the unsteady ground at Mill Point Park. Yassenak will also follow up with Eder Flag Company to find out the delivery date and to see if a copy of the installation directions could be obtained. (See attachment 5). The Committee commended Mr. Hordyk on his presentation and looked forward to its completion by June 14, 2014. The Spring Lake Heritage Festival Committee would like to hold a Flag Day Ceremony and a rededication ceremony at that time.

3. **Central Park Restoration Campaign** –Yassenak updated the Committee regarding the status of the Campaign, reporting that as of the last meeting, March 26, 2014, Chris Burns, Kelly Gates, Kevin Curly and Michele Yassenak, the sub-committee, was asking the Parks Board to come up with the different sponsorship parameters for the Campaign. Yassenak said they were waiting for the numbers and a design from Ryan Arends, Village engineer. Yassenak also said she would be sending the members an email for their thoughts within the next week and compile the numbers and work via email to put together a campaign quickly because of the different grant applications that needed to be submitted.
4. **Dog Park Donations** - Diane Ross and Deb Rewitzer informed the Committee that they were working with the SLHF and Old Boys Brewhouse to raise money to fund projects at the dog park. Ms. Ross and Ms. Rewitzer said they had heard about the Central Park Restoration Campaign and wanted to know if the funds that they raised could be dollar designated for the dog park. The Committee said that yes, it could be done. Ms. Ross and Ms. Rewitzer also said they would like to see improvement for a human shelter, maybe additional seating, an agility course and a possible splash park for dogs.

On other Dog Park business, the Committee recommended that the advertizing banners located at the dog park be reduced in size to 3' x 5' and that the cost to display a banner be lowered to \$300 per calendar year. It would still be the responsibility of the banner's owner to maintain the banner displayed. The current banner would be exempt to the size until it needed to be replaced.

Motion by Yassenak, support by Groenevelt, to reduce the size of advertizing banners at the dog park to 3" x 5". All in favor, motion carried.

5. **SLARC – Bill Core** – Bill Core introduced himself to the Committee and reported that the scheduling of the parks and the bookkeeping was now on a computer system. Mr. Core said that he looked forward to working with the Committee and the DPW on Central Park and Lakeside Beach projects.

The Committee asked Mr. Core if there were any improvement he would like to see made to Central Park since they were in the planning stages of the Central Park Restoration Campaign. Mr. Core said he would ask his staff and organization what they would want on a wish list and get back to the Committee.

6. **Kayak Racks** – There was a lot of discussion about the location of the kayak racks. Nauta mentioned that other communities do not provide locks and chains on their racks. Schuitema said that the racks should be moved under the light and closer to the launch site. Brower and Yasenak gave some history regarding the current placement of the racks. Belknap said he would take a good look at the location.

Motion by Groenevelt, support by Yasenak, to move the kayak racks closer to the launch and light pole and to not provide locks and chains. All in favor, motion carried.

### III. **Adjournment**

Motion by Yasenak, support by Brower, meeting was adjourned at 9.17p.m.

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Michele Yasenak, Secretary