

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

**I. Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Clair Groenevelt, Curt Brower, Erik Poel, Lee Schuitema, Chris Burns, Roger Belknap, and Maryann Fonkert

Excused: Bob McCulloch, Michele Yassenak, and Steve Nauta

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Brower, support by Schuitema to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Schuitema, support by Brower to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2014 regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**II. Agenda**

**New Business**

1. **Central Park Bathroom Improvements** - Roger Belknap reported that new LED lights would be installed in the bathrooms along with painting, new partitions and replacing one of the sinks. Belknap said he was also getting estimates for glass blocks to fill in the open block area in an effort to let light in but keep debris and bugs out. Belknap showed a sample of the floor epoxy and tile that was being considered. The Committee agreed they liked the color. Manager Burns noted that the exterior of the building would possibly be painted as a Community Service project by Consumers Energy employees.

2. **Lakeside Beach** - The Committee agreed they would like the same colors at Lakeside Beach restrooms as Central Park. Manager Burns shared an email from a Lakeside Beach visitor that was very unhappy with the Life Guard's lack of attention to her job. The Life Guard was more interested in the young man sitting below her.

Belknap told the Committee that Lakeside Beach had been shut down for a couple of days in June due to extreme erosion from heavy rains. Belknap said sand was delivered and the SWAP Crew for Ottawa County spread it out.

3. **Mill Point Dock Repairs** - Belknap told the Committee that he had met with Michael Morpheu, Project Manager from Edgewater Resources, regarding a

proposal for an evaluation of dock repairs and a recommendation for winter dock storage. Belknap said the current arrangement for storage at Village Cove was somewhat inconvenient for the residents if they want to get their boats in the water before the Village has had a chance to move the docks out in the spring. Motion by Brower, support by Groenevelt, to recommend to Village Council to accept the proposal from Edgewater Resources to evaluate the existing floating docks at Mill Point Park. All in favor, motion carried.

4. **Dog Park Solar/LED Flood Light Update** - Belknap told the Board that an enclosure was temporarily installed at the Dog Park and they were waiting for feedback before it was installed permanently. Belknap also said that the enclosure was donated to the Village by Serenity by the Shores. Schuitema said the comments he has heard about the enclosure were positive but it needed a bench in it. The concrete for the LED light was being installed this week.
5. **Tanglefoot Park Charter Cable update** - Belknap reported to the Committee that a survey had been sent to the 23 seasonal residents at the park asking for their preference on having a cable box, cable in club the house only, or to terminate cable service since the current cable T.V. service would cease to operate on July 22, 2014. Belknap said, disappointingly, only seven (7) of the 23 residents responded and four (4) of those requested having cable service, so due to lack of interest, cable would no longer be offered at Tanglefoot Park.
6. **SLT 2014 Bike Path Renewal Millage Information** - Manager Burns encouraged the Board to promote a "Yes" vote for this election item.
7. **SLARA & Central Park Capital Campaign Update** - Manager Burns reported that this campaign would be kicking off soon. SLARA would be looking into Grants and contacting potential donors.

#### **Tree Board Meeting - 7:55p.m.**

1. **Request for Proposals for 5 Yr. Contract: Annual Tree Assessment** - Belknap reported he was working on a Request for Proposal for a 5 year contract with an Arborist to perform annual tree assessments in the Village.
2. **Tree Trimming & Removal for FY 14-15** - Belknap said that at this time, there were 16 trees listed for removal, 8 to be trimmed and 23 trees with Emerald Ash Borer. Belknap said he was looking into collaborating with other communities for this service to get a better price on tree trimming/removal. The Committee asked about giving the residents a chance to get their trees trimmed or removed at the same time to save them money as well. Burns said that was possible as long as Village staff was not assessing trees on private property.

3. **Tree Nursery Planting Project** - Manager Burns told the Committee that some of the donors for the Tree Nursery were upset that nursery trees in the Dog Park were damaged during construction and continued to be damaged by dog owners and their dogs using the park. Burns said that another area was being investigated as a possible new location for all the nursery trees on the Consumers Energy property since several of the trees were getting too large and would be in the way of electrical wires and have to be trimmed or removed.

### **III. Other Business**

1. Curt Brower said he was approached by a Boy Scout about making benches to go around the new flag pole at Mill Point Park for his Eagle Scout project. The Committee thought this would be a great project. Several Committee members commented on how moving the Flag Ceremony had been.
2. Manager Burns showed pictures of people fishing from the bike path between Tanglefoot Park and Mill Point Park. The residents that own the property where the path runs have had issues with people using their yard and littering while fishing there. The Committee discussed posting no fishing signs. Belknap will order the signs and install them.

### **VI. Adjournment:**

Motion by Brower, support by Groenevelt, meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

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Maryann Fonkert, Administrative Assistant