

**Village of Spring Lake  
Parks & Rec Committee  
Monday, November 3, 2014  
7.00pm Village Hall  
Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Claire Groenevelt, Bob McCulloch, Steve Nauta, Erik Poel and Lee Schuitema

**Absent:** Michele Yasenak, Bill Core and Curt Brower

**Also present:** Chris Burns (Village Manager), Roger Belknap (DPW Director) & Pam Blough (Planning Consultant).

**II. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Schuitema**, support from **Groenevelt** to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 5      No: 0

**III. Approval of the Minutes** – Motion by **Schuitema**, support from **Groenevelt** to approve the minutes of September 2, 2014.

Yes: 5      No: 0

**IV. New Business**

1. **Parks & Recreation Survey** - Consultant Pam Blough was present to discuss the 5-community Parks & Recreation Master Plan process as well as the results of the survey that was distributed amongst all 5 jurisdictions. While the results were not scientifically or statistically significant, they gave the reader some insight as to what the public desires in recreational facilities and programming. One noteworthy item was the overwhelming support for a combined recreation program between NORA and SLARA. The results were almost identical from Spring Lake respondents and all respondents total.

Pam distributed some goals and objectives and asked the board members in attendance to review what had previously been adopted and contemplate what should be adopted moving forward. Board members should mark up their copies and bring their ideas to the 12/02/14 meeting for discussion.

2. **Tanglefoot Park Improvements** - DPW Director Roger Belknap gave a brief overview on the improvements that had taken place over the summer and fall and what would be taking place between now and April 15th when our seasonal residents returned. The concrete has been poured for the patios and he is obtaining bids for the bathroom reconstruction.
3. **Central Park Improvements** - The Capital Campaign will commence in early December. The grant application has been submitted to Rotary and will also be submitted to the GHACF. The Lakeshore Pickleball Club has donated an AED that will be installed in the spring, when play commences again.
4. **Docks** - Roger Belknap reported that the bids were approved for gate replacement at Spring Lake Condos and the report was back on the engineering evaluation of the docks at Mill Point Park. New installation techniques will need to take place in the spring when the docks are set.
5. **Lakeside Beach** - The buoys are out of the water and the restrooms closed for the season. He will be looking to obtain bids to replace the roof on the restroom as part of the next fiscal year budget.
6. **Buchanan Street Lookout** - Roger Belknap reported that this area really should not be included on the parks inventory as it's not a park. It's a path leading to a storm water outfall into the Grand River. There was discussion regarding the relevance of the path. The board gave Roger permission to remove the signs directing people to the path.
7. **Tree Board** - Roger Belknap gave a report on the Ash Tree removal, stump grinding and restoration project. He also gave a brief update on the tree nursery and the Consumers Energy tree trimming program that was slated to commence towards the end of the calendar year.

**V. Adjournment:**

Motion by **Schuitema**, support from **Groenvelt**, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Bob McCulloch, Chairperson

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Christine Burns, Recording Secretary