

**Village of Spring Lake  
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting  
March 9, 2015  
7:00 p.m. Village Hall (EOC Room)  
Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Bob McCulloch (Chair), Erik Poel, Curt Brower and Lee Schuitema

**Also present:** Roger Belknap (DPW Director) & Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk).

**Absent:** Groenevelt, Core, Yasenak, and Nauta

- II. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Brower**, seconded by **Schuitema**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 4                      No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes** – Motion by **Schuitema**, seconded by **Brower**, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 regular meeting.

Yes: 4                      No: 0

**IV. New Business**

- 1. Eagle Scout Project Proposal (Christopher Warner)** - Christopher Warner was presented his Eagle Scout project for the continuation of last year's Eagle Scout Veteran's Flag pole project at Mill Point Park. Mr. Warner proposed the addition of two benches and a sidewalk connecting it to the existing sidewalk.

The Committee discussed this project with Mr. Warner and DPW Director **Belknap**. **Belknap** said there were still bricks left at the DPW garage, that had been used in the first phase of this project, that could be used for this second phase and would help keep the cost down. Mr. Warner had four different proposed design options that were discussed and the Committee chose option number 2 with a couple minor adjustments.

Motion by **Schuitema**, seconded by **Brower**, to approve the proposed Eagle Scout project with the condition that the existing brick be left in place with the new cement and brick connecting to it.

Yes: 4                      No: 0

- 2. Park Updates -**

- a. **Dog Park - Belknap** reported to the Committee that last year the Dog Park had to be closed for a couple of days, during the heavy thaw, because of icy and unsafe walking conditions and that there was a possibility they would have to do the same this year. **Belknap** also said they would be adjusting the timer for the lighting with Daylight Savings.
  - b. **Ice Rink - Belknap** reported that the ice rink was pretty much done for the season and that it had been a great success. **Belknap** said that because of the cold temperatures flooding with cold water had not worked and they had to get hot water, with the help from the Township staff, from the cemetery building, which made the ice the best it has ever been and was perfect for Snow Jam. **Belknap** also said they were hoping to have a hot water source installed in the park for next year. **Belknap** told the Committee that two wonderful volunteers, Nathan Gates and John Mellema, had helped with the ice rink this year.
  - c. **Tanglefoot Park - Belknap** updated the Committee on Tanglefoot's restroom renovation and said they would be checking for root blockages in the sewer lines to try to avoid the same issues as last year. **Schuitema** said he had taken several pictures of the snow at the park to show the summer residents what they missed.
3. **Budget Discussion - Belknap** updated the Commission on the Budget that was being worked on and asked the Commission to be thinking about any particular projects they would like to see being budgeted for.

## V. **Tree Board Meeting**

1. **Tree Banner Contest Update - Belknap** reported to the Committee that so far there were 15 artwork entries and that Sunday, March 15 would be the last day to enter.
2. **Arbor Day Celebration- Belknap** said there would be a fast turnaround for the banners so they would be ready for the Arbor Day celebration on April 24th where they would be recognizing the winners. **Belknap** encouraged the Committee to attend the Arbor Day celebration.
3. **Forestry Program - Belknap** reported to the Committed that Finance Director, Marv **Hinga** had created a Forestry Program to better track time, expenditures and donations related to nursery maintenance and tree planting.

VI. **Next Meeting** - Due to a scheduling conflict the Committed discussed combining the April and May meetings on April 20, 2015.

VII. **Adjournment:**

Motion by **Brower**, seconded by **Schuitema**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Bob McCulloch, Chairperson

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk