

**Village of Spring Lake  
Parks & Rec Committee  
Monday, June 1, 2015  
7.00pm Village Hall (EOC Room)  
Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Bob McCulloch, Claire Groenevelt, Curt Brower, Lee Schuitema

**Absent:** Bill Core, Michele Yasenak, Steve Nauta, Erik Poel

**Also present:** Chris Burns (Village Manager) and Roger Belknap (DPW Director)

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

Yes: 4      No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Brower**, seconded by **Groenevelt**, to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting.

Yes: 4      No: 0

**IV. New Business**

- 1. Solar Lighting Conversation** - Robert Rafson, from Charterhouse Energy was present to discuss converting the trail lights to solar.

Before Roger **Belknap** introduced Rob Rafson, he explained the reason for looking at solar lighting was that the lighting along the path was installed somewhere in the 80's and the wooden posts were in various stages of dry rot and since they would need to be replaced and the cost of electric was extremely expensive they were looking for something more efficient and less expensive.

Rob Rafson from Chart House Energy explained to the Committee that the purpose of changing the lighting on the bicycle path is to modernize them through bi-level lighting controls, LED replacements, and pole replacement where needed and to pay for the modernization through energy savings. Rafson also explained that controls would be added and wiring changed to existing lighting to adjust from a minimum level to existing light levels when people are present. Rofson said two motion sensors reaching far down the path in each direction, would provide more light when people are present, and a minimum level of acceptable lighting all the time showing that the lights are working and safety on the path at all times and that LED lights have no warm up

time and provide full light levels instantly. Rofson said that bi-level lighting benefits the community by reducing energy usage, light pollution and improving security because brighter light levels show presence of a person.

2. **Dog Park - Belknap** reported that the Dog Park sign was ordered from Advanced Sign on May 20th and would be ready next week and that DPW was done with what they needed to do for the small dog area and they were ready to proceed with that project.
3. **Tanglefoot Park - Belknap** showed pictures of the restroom renovations and reported that they were under budget. Belknap also reported that they had been worried about the Dogwood tree that was planted on Arbor Day but it now looked like it was developing at the same rate as the others. **Groenevelt** mentioned that she didn't like the look of the screened in porch that one of the Tanglefoot campers had added to there coach.
4. **Central Park - Belknap** reported that the windows were done in the restroom and that his staff will be doing landscaping later this week. **Belknap** also said he had received a request from the Pickle Ball players to install/take down a snow fence when they played. **Belknap** said he explained to them that he didn't want an eyesore there when no games were in session.
5. **Mill Point Park** - After receiving a complaint that the flag was not out on Memorial Day, **Belknap** explained that they had been having issues with the lighting and working with Katt Electric to find where the problem was. **Belknap** said they discovered there was a short in the flag light and placed all the lights in the park on a single photo cell eye at the breaker box so the flag was now flying.
6. **Lakeside Beach - Belknap** reported that the bathroom partitions were replaced and were waiting to see if the Township would help pay for the new sidewalk.

## V. Tree Board Meeting

1. **Update of Oak tree on Hammond Street** - Brian Kwiatkowski from Summit Tree Service was present and gave his assessment of the potential impact of construction on the Hammond Street Oak Tree.

Kwiatkowski reported that based on the information presented by TMP Architecture and Barton Marlon regarding the current construction design, the entirety of the west side of the Oak tree's root zone will be affected by construction activities (cut and fill) and there is no opportunity to maintain an adequate critical root zone free from disturbance. Kwiatkowski said that due to the anticipated large scale root loss, it is not foreseeable that the tree will survive long term and in many instances, post construction mitigation actions may be employed to preserve trees injured by construction activities, however with the limited unaffected root zone areas, cost intensive mitigation actions are unlikely to be successful. Kwiatkowski said another consideration is the regional presence of the fungal pathogen *Ceratocystis fagacarum* which causes Oak Wilt. Kwiatkowski said that Red Oak trees should be treated preventatively with

a systemic fungicide injection to protect them from this lethal fungal disease and if mitigation actions are to be employed, preventative fungicide treatments are recommended to be initiated and continued for as long as regional disease pressure is high.

After some discussion on the Hammond Street tree **Belknap** passed out the Village tree assessment list and asked the Commission for a motion for Summit Tree Service to move forward with their tree assessment.

On a motion by **Schuitema**, seconded by **Groenevelt**, to move forward with a tree assessment by Summit Tree Service.

Yes: 4      No: 0

**Schuitema** said he had been thinking about what could be done with the wood from the tree if it had to come down. (attached)

## VI. Adjournment

Motion by **Brower**, seconded by **Schuitema**, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Bob McCulloch, Chairman

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk