



**Village of Spring Lake  
Parks & Rec Committee  
Monday, July 6, 2015  
7.00pm Village Hall (EOC Room)  
Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Claire Groenevelt, Curt Brower, Lee Schuitema and Erik Poel

**Absent:** Bob McCulloch, Bill Core, Michele Yassenak and Steve Nauta,

**Also present:** Chris Burns (Village Manager), Roger Belknap (DPW Director) and Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk)

**II. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Brower**, seconded by **Poel**, 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 June 1, 2015 meeting.

Yes: 4      No: 0

**IV. New Business**

**1. Dog Park Update -**

- Marv's Bark Park Signage - **Belknap** reported that the sign for Marv's Bark Park is in and was under budget. **Belknap** said he had received a complaint about the amount of dirt in the dog park and they wondered if bark could be put down. The Committee felt there is always going to be dirt in dog parks from the dogs running around so they agreed to wait and see how this goes.
- Small Dog Park - **Belknap** said the Small Dog fence project has been completed; Burns advised that Diane Schindlbeck, Pet Director for Clock Timeless Pets and Deborah Rewitzer, owner of Fur Crazy Pet Salon, are continuing to raise money for agility equipment and to bring the water line into the small dog park.

- 2. Tanglefoot Park** - Manager **Burns** reported that the awning on an RV that was in question is installed correctly and up to code. **Burns** also shared with the Committee Tanglefoot Park Manger, Wally **Stuhlman's** suggestion of moving one of the kayak lockers, that are not being used, over to Tanglefoot as an amenity for the seasonal residents to use. The Committee all agreed that it was a shame the lockers were not being used and this would be good idea for them.

Motion by **Schuitema**, seconded by **Poel**, to move one of the kayak lockers over to Tanglefoot Park for seasonal residents to use. All in favor, motion carried

Yes: 4      No: 0

- 3. Central Park** - Manager **Burns** reported that the Central Park Capital Campaign has topped \$100,000 in donations so far and that letters were going to go out this week to previous donors of the Grand River Greenway project. **Burns** also said she had talked to Gary Verplank about the money he has set aside for Village trees and asked him if using the money for tree timing and Oak Wilt treatment would be acceptable to him. **Burns** said he was receptive to the idea and wants to meet and talk over details.

**Belknap** said that he and his staff had met with Consumers and they will be trimming along Lakeside Trail from the substation at the end of Rotary Drive and go east.

**Burns** - Manager **Buns** told the Committee that Ron Stroup was still working with Consumer's legal department to get an easement over their property to pave the connector road between Spring Lake Villa's and Rotary Drive.

**Schuitema** said he has noticed that the pickle ball court is very busy and **Burns** said she has noticed the basket ball court is also getting a lot of use.

**Belknap** - mentioned that the Central Park sign on North Fruitport Road and the Mill Point Park sign on Savidge have been removed to be repaired and that a few other signs in the Village are on their list to be repaired.

- 4. Mill Point Park** - **Belknap** reported that the dock repair was done and looked good but he did have a concern that folks might find the reserved docks to be a little wobbly as they are more narrow than the transient docks.

**Belknap** also reported that they have evaluated the sink hole on the Grand River Greenway pavement behind the band shell and are in the process of determining the best and most cost effective way to repair it. The two methods would be to use fabric wrap beneath the soil then apply rip-rap and gravel ovetop before asphaltting the path; the other option is installing a steel breakwall (piling) then fill with base materials. Belknap said he believed the steel piling would provide a better and longer lasting solution. Belknap also said they found a similar sink hole at the North Jackson Street fishing dock as a result of the high water in Spring Lake and the Grand River.

5. **Lakeside Beach - Belknap** reported that replacing the bathroom roof is in the 2015/2016 budget but he is not sure if he wants to move forward right now because the contractors are so busy and prices are high. Belknap said he was thinking about sending bids out in early winter to get a better price. **Belknap** also said that when the roof is replaced he would like to eliminate the sky light because it is such a bug collector and with the new LED lighting it is not necessary. The Committee agreed that removing the skylight was a good idea. **Burns** said that even though the roof looks bad it does not have to be replaced immediately so they might have to borrow the money from the roof project to repair the sink hole which did need to be repaired as soon as possible.

**Burns** said the question of the Township paying half of the sidewalk repair was on their July agenda so we would know soon.

**Burns** reported that she has still not received the Certificate of Liability Insurance from SLARA naming the Village as additionally insured for the Life Guards at Lakeside Beach.

## V. Tree Board Meeting

1. **Tree Nursery - Belknap** said he has created a Task List to get the tree nursery going and was trying to decide who would be best to help with the final design. **Burns** wondered if the designing could be turned over to the Arborist to get done because the families that donated money for the nursery would like to see it completed. **Belknap** said he would see about that.

The Committee discussed that having a large variety of trees would be best in the nursery in case of disease and also different trees were needed in different areas.

2. **Oak Wilt Update** - Even though there are no reported cases of Oak Wilt in the Village there are reported cases in the City of

Grand Haven and Grand Haven Township so the Committee discussed whether or not to establish an Ordinance in the Village. Manager **Burns** said that the City of Grand Haven's didn't have much power and was hard to enforce. **Belknap** thought that having an ordinance might help educate residents about Oak Wilt. Manager **Burns** wondered if the group that formed to save the Oak tree at the school would be interested in helping educate the public sense they had such a large following. The Committee decided they did not want to have another ordinance that could not be enforced.

3. **Arborist Update - Belknap** reported that the Arborist has started to review the long list of questionable trees in the Village and 3 of the reports have gone full circle and returned to him. **Belknap** felt they had a very good system in place for the reviews by having the Arborist look the trees over and give his report and also having the home owner provide a written review of the tree in question.

## VI. Adjournment

Motion by **Brower**, seconded by **Groenevelt**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Bob McCulloch, Chairman

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk