



**Village of Spring Lake  
Parks & Rec Committee  
Wednesday, December 7, 2015  
7.00pm Barber School,  
Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

**1. Whistle Stop Playground Community Exercise.**

- a. **Roger Belknap** welcomed those in attendance and explained the poor condition of the playground equipment that, for safety reasons, had been removed. **Belknap** introduced Carl Pietila from Landscape Structures and Aaron Sligh from Great Lakes Recreation and encouraged everyone to look over the renderings, talk to Mr. Pietila and Mr. Sligh and then vote for the structure they liked and give their likes and dislikes.
- b. **Megan Doss**, Village Council Liaison, explained the fundraising being done and how residents could contribute. **Doss** also thanked Gary and Midge Verplank from Shape Corporation for their generous donation of volunteers that would be installing the Whistle Stop Playground equipment saving the Village \$30,000.
- c. **Deputy Corey Allard** explained that he had just gone through CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) training and would be working with the Village to implement some of its ideas in the design of the new Whistle Stop Playground.

Alice Donahue, Spring Lake Township resident, encouraged Village leaders to build a multi-generational facility, particularly with a new senior apartment community opening soon less than a block away.

**II. Calvin Braun** was sworn in as a new Parks & Recreation Committee member.

**Roll Call:** Curt Brower (Chair), Clair Groenevelt (Vice Chair), Calvin Braun, Erik Poel, Matt Rice, Lee Schuitema and Megan Doss (Village Liaison)

**Absent:** none

**Also present:** Roger Belknap (DPW Director), Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk) and Deputy Corey Allard.

**III. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Groenevelt**, second from **Schuitema**, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6      No: 0

**IV. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Schuitema**, seconded by **Groenevelt**, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2015 as presented and November 2, 2015 with corrections to item II. bullet point that the October 9, 2015 minutes, recorded incorrectly as October 5, 2015, to be approved at the December 7, 2015 meeting, recorded incorrectly as the December 1, 2015 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6      No: 0

**V. New Business**

**2. 2016 Meeting Dates -**

01/04/16	07/05/16 - Tuesday
02/01/16	08/01/16
03/07/16	09/06/16 - Tuesday
04/04/16	10/03/16
05/02/16	11/07/16
06/06/16	12/05/16

Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Braun**, to approve the 2016 meeting dates rescheduling the July 4, 2016 meeting to July 5, 2016 and September 5, 2016 to September 6, 2016 due to them falling on holidays. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6      No: 0

**3. Central Park/Dog Park Update - Kevin Curley** updated the Board on the Central Park Capital Campaign reporting that the budget was \$350,000,000 and they were doing well with fundraising and would continue to fund raise. **Curley** said they would be getting estimates for 8 pickleball courts instead of 6, adding irrigation and new playground equipment. **Curley** also said that bids would be going out in January 2016 and they were hoping to break ground in April 2016.

Diane **Schindlbeck** was present and reported that she was going to apply to the Beneful Dream Park Program. **Schindlbeck** said the Beneful team was supporting crowdfunding campaigns and working with community leaders and fundraising groups to help bring new dog parks to life or improve existing ones through a combination of financial support, hands-on volunteerism and shared dog park expertise. The Board also discussed the mud issue in the dog park and the possible use of a special dog friendly artificial turf.

- 4. Tanglefoot Park - Belknap** reported that they were working on Wally's list of repairs and the biggest project needed was to install a backflow preventer and he was working with the excavator on that. **Belknap** said they adding another finger pier at the far east end of the docks for 2 more boats. **Belknap** said they also had removed a tree that was showing signs of failure, the restroom doors need to be painted and there was a little drainage issue by the restrooms and they were considering putting in a leaching basin to help this issue.

The Board had previously been given recommendations for changes to the Spring Lake Code of Ordinance, Article II. - Tourist Park.

Motion by **Groenevelt**, second from **Schuitema**, to approve the changes to the Spring Lake Code of Ordinance, Article II. - Tourist Park pertaining to Tanglefoot Park. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6      No: 0

- 5. Lakeside Beach** - The Board agreed the restroom roof should match the picnic shelter roof rather than the buildings at Central and Mill Point parks.

## **VI. Tree Board Meeting**

- 1. Tree Nursery - Belknap** reported that Landscape Design was going to take advantage of the nice weather and would be planting 16 trees from the old nursery and there were approximately 16 more that had not been claimed yet.
- 2. Tree Trimming/Planting Update - Belknap** reported that JB Tree Service had completed the trimming process in the Village. **Belknap** also explained that he was working with the arborist on the dead branches at Central Park and that he wanted to make sure the tree trimmers understood that only the dead branches were to be trimmed in order to keep the beautiful canopy.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Motion by **Braun**, seconded by **Schuitema**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Curt Brower, Chair

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk