



Village of Spring Lake  
Parks & Rec Committee  
Monday, May 2, 2016  
7.00pm Village Hall EOC Room  
Minutes

**I. Call to Order**

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

**Absent:** None

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

- II. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Poel**, to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6      No: 0

- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Braun**, second from **Groenevelt**, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6      No: 0

**IV. General Business**

- 1. Lakeside Trail Encroachment** - Manager **Burns** explained that Mr. Tim Zock approached Village Council asking to improve a portion of Village property along Lakeside Trail for his personal parking area. **Burns** said Council not only denied Mr. Zock's request but also want what was there removed. **Burns** said that Council gave instructions to remove the old broken paving that was there and were looking for suggestions from the Parks Board for landscaping ideas to restore that portion of the trail that has been parked on for many years. **Burns** said that Mr. Zock had room to make a parking area on his vacant lot right across the street from his home. The **Board** discussed some different options, such as a ground cover like myrtle, a berm or fence, to restore the property to a natural no maintenance state.
- 2. Whistle Stop Playground Capital Campaign** - **Doss** reported that her neighborhood event was lowly attended but she was not giving up and would be making phone calls. **Burns** said they have a match donation coming from MSHDA of \$50,000 for \$50,000 raised. **Doss** said she has ideas for raising the funds that she will be working on.

3. **Central Park Construction Budget Discussion - Burns** reported that the construction was coming along well. **Burns** also shared that the Village had received a call from a Pickleball player that wanted to have black fencing at the Pickleball courts and would be protesting the silver fence and wanted his donation for the extra courts to, instead, go to black fencing. The Board agreed that if the Pickleball players want the fence to be black that they would have to come up with the money to do that. **Braun** asked about a brush pile in the park. **Burns** said that would be picked up next week during the Village wide Brush Pickup.
4. **Tanglefoot Park Budget Discussion - Burns** reported that in the last 3 years there had been a large amount of money spent on Tanglefoot. **Burns** said that while she appreciated Wally's suggestions and his desire to have a top notch park, based on the amount that had already been invested in the park, Council, at some point, was going to say that the investments of the last three years would have to get the park by for a while because there were other needs such as the sink holes at the end of Cutler St. and Jackson St. The **Board** discussed some of the improvements that Wally still wanted, such as replacing the floor, a new ceiling in the clubhouse and replacement of more cement pads to accommodate the larger rigs. **Burns** said she would bring these projects to Council.
5. **Marv's Bark Park Budget Discussion -** The **Board** discussed the bench and drinking fountain for the small dog park that Diane Schindlbeck said she would fund raise for.
6. **Lakeside Beach Budget Discussion - Burns** said other then the new roof on the restrooms she did not think there would be any other improvements to Lakeside Beach at this time.
7. **Lakeside Trail Budget Discussion - Burns** said the new CES assigned to the lighting project along the Trail was working on a design and estimate to do the project in phases. **Burns** said they would take a look at the budget with the trail millage and see what they could do. **Burns** explained to the Board that the Village and Ferrysburg did not have the proper OSHA approved equipment to replace the bulbs under the bridge so Strian Electric was hired at a cost of approximately \$5000 to replace the bulbs by the end of June. **Burns** said she had already received complaints about the lights that were out but that it was not cost effective to replace one or two at a time.
8. **Mill Point Park Budget Discussion- Burns** said there were no projects scheduled for Mill Point Park right now.

V. **Tree Board Meeting**

1. **Tree Nursery Update - Burns** reported that the irrigation system was supposed to go in sometime this week and that the County Club was taking care of all of that. **Burns** also said that the sizeable donation from the Vicki Verplank Memorial Fund would be paying for the inventory in the nursery once the Arborist gave recommendations of what should be planted.

**Burns** said that Village resident, Sheryl Carlisle, had generously offered to donate small trees from her Township property to plant in the Nursery but the **Board** determined that due to potential diseases and bugs they did not want to take the risk.

**VI. Miscellaneous**

Board Member, Matt Rice said he was resigning his position on the Board because he took a new job in Ann Arbor. The Board thanked Matt for his time served.

**VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion by **Poel**, second from **Brower**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Curt Brower, Chair

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk