

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
July 26, 2010**

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at the Spring Lake Township Hall at 106 S. Buchanan, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call of the Board:**

Clerk Boersma called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Ron Lindquist, Larry Mierle, Judy Miljan, Bob Shay

Absent: John Nash

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager

**2. Invocation and Pledge:**

Clerk Boersma opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Bob Shay chaired the meeting from this point on.

**3. Public Comment:**

Public comment was opened at 6:02 pm and closed at 6:03pm. No comments were offered at this time.

**4. DNRE-NRTF Grant Public Hearing:**

The Township is required to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the acquisition of 1.83 acres of open space along the Grand River. Trustee Shay, acting Chairperson for this meeting, opened the public hearing at 6:04pm. Spring Lake Township Community Development Director Lukas Hill explained that the purpose of this land acquisition is to protect wetlands and its habitat; preserve scenic corridors along the Grand River; provide for limited public access to the Grand River; and support the goals and objectives of the Spring Lake Township Recreation Plan. The property in question is owned by the Glafcke family. It is valued at \$150,000.00, of which the Glafcke's have stated that they will donate half of the value to the Township, setting the asking price at \$75,000.00.

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to close the public comment at 6:09pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Boersma, support by Mierle to adopt the Resolution of approval to support the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for acquisition of open space commonly known as the "Glafcke" property between Leonard Road and Lloyd's Bayou. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Work session:**

Manager Gallagher, Chief Nuvill and the Board discussed the challenges of operating and managing the Fire Department while maintaining quality fire/first responder service for the citizens at the present millage rate that the Township now operates under. This discussion is ongoing and has occurred every year for many years. The call volume continues to rise yearly and the commitment to being paid on call fire personnel while still supporting a family and full time career can be stressful and draining.

At the August 9 Board meeting a proposed increase for fire personnel from 25 to 30 persons will be on the agenda. There will also be future requests concerning the makeup of the Fire Department after a 5 and 10 year vision with a proposed action plan be submitted for approval.

**6. Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Spring Lake Township Clerk