

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
August 13, 2012**

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.

6:00pm Work session: The Board reviewed renovation plans for the 174th fire station and discussed the Lovell Park property.

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Ron Lindquist, Larry Mierle, Bob Shay

Absent: Judy Miljan

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager, Ron Bultje, Spring Lake Township Attorney

2. Invocation and Pledge:

Supervisor Nash opened the meeting with a spiritual reading and the pledge of allegiance.

3. Public Comment:

Public comment was opened at 7:05 pm and closed at 7:30 pm. Four comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Shay to approve the agenda with the following additions: 9a Disc Golf – Rycenga Park; 9b Discussion on Board Policies. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the consent agenda.

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve July 9, 2012 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive July 2012 Financials

6. Wilson Road House:

There is a house and barn on the Township's Wilson Rd property which is empty and will possibly need attention in the future. **Motion** by Shay, support by Lindquist to authorize the Manager to list the two buildings for sale and bring back to the Board any proposals for approval. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. No-Wake Zone Request:

A request was received from Grand Haven Charter Township to extend a no wake zone in a portion of the Grand River. Several residents that live along the stretch of river in question came to speak during public comment to support the no wake zone. The Board members were not in favor of the no wake zone and would like to see if another solution could be possible. Manager Gallagher will research different possible solutions.

8. Fireworks Ordinance:

Due to the new state law that allows the use of larger fireworks many municipalities are adopting their own ordinances mainly to adopt the state guidelines and to impose a penalty. A draft ordinance was given to the Board for review. **Motion** by Shay, support by Lindquist to adopt and authorize the Supervisor and clerk to sign the Fireworks Ordinance, draft date 8/10/2012, with a modification to Sec. 16-45b change “may” to “shall”; sec. 16-45c include language for property damage. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

9. Solicitors Ordinance:

A draft ordinance was given to the Board for review. Some Board members questioned the necessity of adopting this ordinance. Manager Gallagher will contact Deputy Fillman for input.

9a. Disc Golf – Rycenga Park:

Supervisor Nash stated that the disc golf course has been abused since its inception several years ago. Nash **motioned** to remove the disc golf course from Rycenga Park, with support from Mierle. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

9b. Discussion on Board Policies – Phones and tablets:

Trustee Shay questioned policies concerning Township issued electronics. Manager Gallagher said that the use is monitored and was comfortable that the Personnel Policy was clear on the issue.

10. Reports: A time for information sharing was given to certain Board members and the manager.

11. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk