

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
September 10, 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 174<sup>th</sup> Ave. fire station and discussed a date for the strategic planning session of the Board.

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

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

Absent: None

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 7:03 pm and closed at 7:13 pm. Four comments were offered at this time.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** by Mierle, support by Lindquist to approve the agenda with the following additions: 9a Ambulance Agreement; 5d 2013 Board Meeting Schedule; 2013 Holiday Dates. The motion carried unanimously.

**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 August 13, 2012 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive August 2012 Financials
- d. 2013 Board Meeting Dates
- e. 2013 Holiday Dates

**6. Devries/Ryke Rezoning Request:**

The Planning Commission received and held a public hearing on a request to rezone certain portions of the Zoning Map. The property in question is north of 168<sup>th</sup> Ave. by Bridlepath and Heather Court; also very close to the City of Ferrysburg. The Planning Commission recommended that the Board deny the request. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Shay to send the issue back to the Planning Commission for further review due to new information concerning a wetland delineation and the zoning prior to the current map; and also to have Township Attorney Bultje present at the meeting for that discussion. [RC] With Nash as the dissenting vote the motion carried.

**7. Zoning Text Amendments:**

The Planning Commission passed on to the Board for review and approval 2 zoning ordinance text amendments; Accessory Buildings and Structures in Front Yard as a Special Land Use and Repeal Allowance of Decks beyond the Waterfront Setback. **Motion** by Shay, support by Nash to eliminate sec. 2,3,5, and 6 and approve sec 1,4,and 7 of the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance draft date 8/29/2012. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Shay to send the Accessory Buildings and Structures in Front Yard back to the Planning Commission for further review. [RC] The motion failed with Lindquist and Shay as the affirmative votes.

**8. Resolution of Support to accept the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Project Agreement:**

The Board had previously approved the purchase and submission for grant monies to purchase the Pellegrom property on Leonard road to maintain a view scape of the river. The next step in the process is to approve a Resolution Accepting a MNRTF Grant and Approving the Project Agreement. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Shay to adopt the Resolution and to approve the Agreement as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Slow No Wake Request:**

Even though the Board has discussed this issue in a previous meeting, this is still a new business item with no action needed by the Board at this time. It had been suggested that a no wake boat length limit be set in place similar to the restrictions on Spring Lake.

**9a. Ambulance Agreement:**

The Ambulance Advisory committee had been working for a year or more toward a new agreement with NOCH for providing ambulance in the 5 area municipalities. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Miljan to approve and authorize execution of the agreement by the Supervisor and Clerk and substantially the form of the agreement as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**10. 174<sup>th</sup> Ave. Fire Station Repairs**

The Board was presented a cost for renovations to the new 174<sup>th</sup> Ave. Fire station with phasing. The Board approved allocating monies for painting the building at a previous meeting. **Motion** by Shay, support by Miljan to authorize the Manager, Supervisor and Clerk to get at least 2 bids for phase 1a (new entrance) execute a contract for the work not to exceed \$12,000.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Miljan to authorize the Manager to put phases 2 thru 6 out to bid with 6 as an option. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**12. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Spring Lake Township Clerk