

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
Spring Lake Township Planning Commission
Spring Lake Township Zoning Board of Appeals
Spring Lake Township Wetland Review Board
July 24, 2017**

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Wetland Review Board was held at Barber School, 102 W Exchange St, Spring Lake MI 49456

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Board of Trustees Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Rick Homan, Ron Lindquist, Jerry Rabideau,

Rachel Terpstra

Absent: Jim Koster

Planning Commission: Jack Ketchum, Greg Latsch, Dennis Masson, Crystal Morgan, David Rumpel

Absent: Russ Tiles

ZBA: Larry Mierle, Doug Noren, Thomas TenCate, George Postmus

Absent: None

Wetland Review Board: David Bos, Todd Bowen, Margaret Shay, Joe von Wahlde

Absent: None

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager; Lukas Hill, Township Community Development Director; Ron Bultje, Township Attorney; Don Tilton, Township Wetland Consultant

2. Introductions

Supervisor Nash introduced Ron Bultje, Don Tilton and David Bos.

3. Brief History of Wetland Protection in Spring Lake Township

Ron Bultje presented a brief history of the development, adoption and codification of the Wetland Ordinance and the Wetland Setback Ordinance.

4. Current Wetland Protection Trends

Don Tilton discussed trends in wetland protection at the State and Federal level. It is not anticipated that any current proposals would affect the Township wetland protections.

5. Wetland Preservation

David Bos presented a brief discussion of wetland preservation as viewed by the wetland ordinance development committee and as viewed by a developer.

6. Q&A

A time was provided for members of the boards to ask questions about wetland protection in the Township.

7. Wrap up

Township Manager Gordon Gallagher summarized the meeting. The Township Board will continue to monitor the Wetland Ordinance and Wetland Setback Ordinance.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk