

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
January 11, 2016**

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at Station 2,18964 174th Ave., Spring Lake MI 49456

6:00pm Work session: Discussions on 2016 Strategic Planning Goals and Budget.

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Rick Homan, Ron Lindquist, Larry Mierle, Rachel Terpstra.

Absent: None

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager

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 7:07pm and closed at 7:08pm. One comment was offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mierle, support by Homan to approve the agenda with the addition of 12a Increase of 1 Full Time Employee, and 12b Technology Improvements to Barber School. 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 December 14, 2015 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive December 2015 Financials

6. Arcadia PUD:

Tom Galloway and his team addressed some of the concerns that were cited at the November meeting when the Arcadia PUD was presented to the Board. Several concerns were expressed again, specifically road and home elevations due to the water levels and wetlands, traffic, the commercial area, and the proposed green building standards. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Boersma to direct the Township Attorney to draft a Resolution for consideration at the January 25 Board meeting. [RC] With Koster, Homan, Lindquist, and Terpstra as dissenting votes, the motion failed.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to grant conditional approval, subject to approval at the January 25 Board meeting, of the Resolution which Attorney Bultje will prepare with these conditions;

1. The commercial part of the development be considered separately at a later date – not as part of the current approval
2. A copy of the traffic study
3. No more than 2’ rise between the road level and the foundation level of all the homes and townhouses in the front
4. Ground level no more than two feet different between homes in the front
5. Sustainable home and townhouse design – including the following;
 - a. 6” exterior walls with 6” of insulation
 - b. Double pane insulating exterior windows
 - c. All Energy Star appliances
 - d. All LED lights
 - e. Tankless water heaters
6. All garages be recessed behind the home foundations
7. A full set of home architectural renderings

With Mierle as the dissenting vote the motion carried.

Tom Galloway was to give the traffic information to the Township Planner.

7. Conditional Rezoning – 19130 N. Fruitport Rd – Schindy’s Place

The Planning Commission sent to the Board a recommendation for approval of a Conditional rezone of property owned by Fredrickson Electric on the corner of 148th Ave. and Fruitport Rd. currently zoned Neighborhood Commercial. The requested conditional rezone is for Ag to allow for a kennel in a portion of the building occupied by Fredrickson Electric. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Koster to approve the conditional rezoning request from Neighborhood Commercial to Agricultural per the conditions voluntarily offered by the applicant and per the draft contract provided by the Township Attorney as the criteria in Section 110, C, of the Zoning Ordinance have satisfactorily been met. [RC] With Nash, Boersma, Homan, Mierle, and Terpstra as the dissenting votes the motion failed.

8. AT&T Lease Agreement

Motion by Terpstra, support by Boersma to approve the Third Amendment to Lease Agreement as reviewed and revised by the Township Attorney. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

9. Solar Lease Agreement

Motion by Nash, support by Terpstra to approve the Solar Equipment Lease with Chart House Energy Investment Fund LLC as presented and authorize the Supervisor or Manager to sign. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Reports – Ambulance, PC, ZBA, Treasurer, Clerk

A time for information sharing was given to the Board members

11. Sewer Inspection Agreement

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the proposal from Plummer’s Environmental Services, draft date of December 23, 2015, to clean and PACP video inspect sanitary sewer as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12. Radio Read Equipment

Motion by Mierle, support by Terpstra to approve the quote from Etna Supply for Sensus Flexnet base and software for \$30,000.00 as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. The motion carried unanimously.

12a. Increase 1 Full Time Employee

Motion by Boersma, support by Mierle to approve the addition of 1 full time employee in the parks department on the G1 pay scale. The motion carried.

12b. Technology Improvements in Barber School

Barber School needs technology upgrades. The Managers of both municipalities will discuss this issue.

13. Board Reports –Manager

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk