

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
September 11, 2017**

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees 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 7:03pm.

Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Ron Lindquist, Catherine Pavick, Rachel Terpstra

Absent: Jerry Rabideau

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager; Ron Bultje, 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 7:05pm and closed at 7:25pm. Nine comments were offered.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Terpstra to approve the agenda with these modifications: Delete 7 Ottawa County Report; add 12a Appointment to Rec Board; 12b Township Video; 12c Closed Session for the purpose of Attorney Opinion exempt from FOIA and Discussion of Pending Litigation. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Lindquist, and supported by Pavick.

- a. Approve August 14, and 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive August 2017 Financials
- d. Board Rep to ZBA – Rachel Terpstra

6. NO Wake Public Hearing

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:10pm.

Bill Gordon, 15294 Central Ave, stated that he has been a waterfront owner for 12 years. Large boats throw enormous wakes, and he is in favor of no wake for large boats.

Troy Ritsema, 15790 Leonard, stated that the no wake zone should start at Lloyds Bayou.

Jerry DiTrapani, 601 Parkview Ave, stated he is a village resident, but was a river resident for 16 years. He is against the no wake zone and feels the river is too regulated.

Brian Anderson, 15147 Boom Rd, stated he is for the no wake zone, which is needed for fishing and kayaking.

Bob Wolniakowski, 15031 Willowood Ct, stated he is a Grand Haven Township resident in favor of no wake.

Dan Wilkinson, 15364 Leonard, stated he is a resident for 60 years. He is against no wake, as wakes are caused by displacement, not length of boat.

Larry Mierle, 15057 Boom Rd, stated he has lived on the river for 75 years. In the 1980s there was high water which caused ice jams. Sea walls protect property. He is against the no wake zone.

Rob Peel, 14775 Boom Rd, has lived on the river for 13 years. High water is an issue. He is against the no wake zone.

Mark Ivey, 14901 Boom Rd, is for the no wake zone. Government is to protect property and people.

Zachary Horton, 15069 Boom Rd, is opposed to the no wake zone. Ninety percent of boats are less than 26 feet in length. Length of boat is not a measure of safety.

Matt Isard, 15001 Boom Rd, is not in support of no wake. He has 655 feet of unprotected frontage with the high water. He noted the economic impact on businesses here because of boaters coming to the area.

Brian Zatake, 15346 Leonard, stated he is a 4-year resident. He can't imagine not having freedom to play on the river and is against the no wake zone.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Boersma, to close the public hearing at 7:44pm. The motion carried.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Boersma, to reject the Resolution of a No-Wake Zone on the Grand River along Boom road. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. Roger Bergman- Ottawa County Report – Deleted

8. Rycenga Park Well Repair

Motion by Koster, support by Terpstra to approve repairing the well at Rycenga Park for \$13,000.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

9. Hurricane Blower for Parks Department

Motion by Terpstra, support by Pavick to approve the purchase of a Z3 Hurricane Blower from B&B Truck Equipment at a price of \$10,200.00. [RC] With Lindquist dissenting, the motion carried.

10. Board Reports – Ambulance, PC, ZBA, Treasurer, Clerk
A time for information sharing was given to the Board members

11. Re-development Ready Community Resolution

Motion by Pavick, support by Terpstra to adopt the Re-Development Ready Communities Resolution.
[RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12. Staff Sharing Memoranda of Understanding

Manager Gallagher introduced an idea of a pilot program of sharing staff between the Village and Township DPW departments. Attorney Bultje will draft a Memoranda of Understanding to be reviewed at the October 9 Board meeting.

12a Appointment to the Recreation Board

Motion by Boersma, support by Lindquist to appoint Supervisor Nash as the liaison to the Recreation Board. The motion carried unanimously.

12b Township Video

Supervisor Nash has been working on producing a video that highlights our Township and area. Very close to finished product that will be put on our social media sources.

12c Closed Session - Closed Session for the purpose of Attorney Opinion exempt from FOIA and Discussion of Pending Litigation

Motion by Lindquist, support by Koster to go into closed session at 9:00pm for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation and Attorney opinion exempt from FOIA. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. The Board came back to open session at 9:29pm.

13. Board Reports – Supervisor, Manager

A time for information sharing was given to the Supervisor and Manager.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Township Clerk