

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL  
20381 FAIRLAWN AVENUE, PRIOR LAKE, MN

Present:

Glenn Kelley - Supervisor  
Kathy Nielsen – Clerk

Chris Olson – Supervisor  
Stacy Siegle - Treasurer

Absent:

Mick Borka – Supervisor

Also Present:

Mark Statz, Bonestroo

- 1) a) The February monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Kelley at 6:06 p.m.  
b) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.  
c) Changes to the agenda. No changes to the agenda. Olson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kelley seconded. All in favor.  
d) Approval of January 14, 2010 meeting minutes. Olson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Kelley seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0.

2) **Public Commentary.** No residents came forward for public comment.

3) **Agenda Items**

- a) Lowell Pajari, 3300 190<sup>th</sup> Street – preliminary discussion regarding development of PID#119150410, PID #119150400 located at 3300 190<sup>th</sup> Street and PID # 119150390, located at 18651 Fairlawn Avenue. Pajari presented a rough sketch of a proposed development on the specified properties. Pajari expressed a desire to incorporate the Equaris zero-discharge water treatment system into the homes built in this development. Statz made recommendations regarding road placement and design. The Board reviewed comments from its planner, Mike Cronin, regarding the proposed development including a recommendation to encourage a development of distributed lots under RR-2 zoning and to discourage clustered RR-1C, PUD development. The Board supports this recommendation. The location of the proposed road access to Fairlawn Avenue is not consistent with the Town’s Transportation Plan. The Town will require road access where a four-way intersection is possible. The current proposed intersection location is across from a wetland and therefore is not viable. The Town does not support local parks but would support conservation easements over individual properties to protect and maintain high value natural features of the property.
- b) Mark Statz, Bonestroo – discussion of development design standards. Statz presented draft engineering design specification sketches and discussed the same with the Board. The Board made recommendations for modification.
- c) Chris and Ellen Rieck, 17725 Vergus Avenue – discussion regarding utility availability charges for Lot 2, Rieck Estates. The Riecks informed the Board of their financial situation and requested a hardship deferral for payment of the utility availability charges for Lot 2, Rieck Estates. Township Ordinance #00-002 has no provision allowing for hardship deferral of utility availability charges. Furthermore, the Rieck’s

do not satisfy the requirements of the Township policy for deferment of special assessments. Therefore, the Board denied the Rieck's request for deferment of their monthly utility availability charges. The Board suggested that the Rieck's consider recombining their lots and abandoning the second sewer and water stub. The Board offered two possible scenarios for recombining the lots. Should the Rieck's recombine the lots, the Township will negate all of its charges related to the abandoned stub, provided a permanent easement is placed over the stub prohibiting access to the stub. Nielsen will send a letter to the Rieck's outlining their options.

#### **4) Engineer's Report.**

Statz presented the February Engineer's Report.

- a) Maple Glenn 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition. Prior Lake is considering a preliminary plat for 4-5 lots within the Maple Glenn 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition. An agreement between the Township, City and the original developer included developer-installed improvements to 180<sup>th</sup> Street. The preliminary plat being considered by the City would not have access to 180<sup>th</sup> Street. Statz has expressed concern to the City that it not allow too much "picking away" at the development to the point where the remaining potential lots cannot support the burden of cost for improving 180<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Krueger's Industrial Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. Statz met with the developer's engineer, Greg Halling, Scott County and the City of Prior Lake regarding this development. Halling was asked to prepare a maintenance and operating plan for review by the County and City staff. No action will be taken to move ahead with the drafting of a developer's agreement until the plan has been reviewed and approved, and Halling has provided a written response to Statz' letter dated December 17, 2009.

#### **5) Road Report**

- a) Mailbox damage. Borka has requested that mailbox complaints be addressed by mailing out a copy of the Township policy regarding structures in the road right-of-way. The Board considered amending the snow and ice removal policy to allow for a modest cash payment for mailboxes damaged by direct contact with a snow plow. No decision was made.
- b) Snow plowing. The Township received three complaints regarding snowplowing during the recent heavy snow event.

#### **6) Parks Report**

- a) Memorial signage for ballfields. Kelley presented a sketch of signage naming the ball fields at Fish Lake Park the Gene Berens Memorial Ball Fields. The Board suggested modifications to the draft for further consideration at the March Board meeting.
- b) Picnic shelter at South Shore Park. The City of Prior Lake asked for the Board support to install a refurbished 14' x 26' picnic shelter at South Shore Park rather than a 20' x 40' structure originally proposed. Kelley made a motion to approve installation of a 14' x 26' refurbished picnic shelter at South Shore Park. Olson seconded. All in favor.

#### **7) Water Resources Report**

No activity to report

#### **8) Treasurer's Report**

- a) Siegle presented the January, 2010 Treasurer's Report. Kelley made a motion to approve the January, 2010 Treasurer's Report. Olson seconded. All in favor.

- b) The 2009 audit was conducted on January 25th and 26th. There were no significant findings. The auditors will present their report at the March Board of Audit.

**9) New Business/Old Business**

- a) Approval of the Organizational Meeting minutes. Kelley requested one correction to the minutes. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 Organizational Meeting, as revised. Kelley seconded. All in favor.
- b) SCALE Transportation and Economic Development Plan. Chris Olson will serve as Spring Lake Township's representative in the SCALE Transportation and Economic Development Plan process.
- c) Snow removal for Town Hall sidewalks. Borka will provide services for the remainder of the Spring. The Board will contract for these services in the future.

**10) Approval of disbursements.** The Board reviewed the attached February, 2010 disbursement ledgers and approved the checks numbered, 8904 to 8928, to be issued. The checks were signed and given to Nielsen for mailing.

**11) The following items were included in the Board's information packets for informational purposes:**

- January sheriff's incident report
- Ben's Bay fourth quarter operating report
- 2009 Scott County Code Compliance Annual Report
- List of upcoming meetings

There being no further business before the Board, Olson made a motion to adjourn. Kelley seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

Kathy Nielsen, Clerk  
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Glenn Kelley, Chairman

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Kathy Nielsen, Clerk