

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2017**

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

Present:

Doug Berens - Supervisor Glenn Kelley – Supervisor Ted Kowalski - Supervisor
Melissa Hanson – Clerk Stacy Siegle - Treasurer

Also Present:

Kyle Renneke - Stantec

- 1) a) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kelley at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- b) Changes to the agenda. Staff requested to add Approval of October 5, Special Meeting minutes as item 3i. Renneke requested to add to the agenda a proposal to apply for MnDOT's LRIP Funding as item 3j. Kelley made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Berens seconded. All in favor.
- c) Approval of the October 12, 2017 meeting minutes. Berens made a motion to approve the minutes. Kowalski seconded. The minutes were approved 3-0.

2) Public Commentary

- a) Curt Hennes, Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District- Noted a successful fall cleanup on November 5, 2017 including removal of 1800 pounds of leaves 1200 pounds of wood (including 800 lbs of buck thorn). PLSLWD final budget meeting November 16, 2017. He provided an update about the Spring Lake Public Access stating that sediment was dredged from launch area and crushed rock and asphalt removed from parking lots for repaving. A new large rain garden will be added to aid in the filtration of run-off water before going into the lake. In addition, new lighting and an area for boat washing station will be added to discourage transfer of invasive aquatic species.
- b) Tom Wolf, Scott County Commissioner- Shared that a preliminary plan was approved for highways 13 & 21 including 2 roundabouts. He also explained that there is potential \$400 million project at 494 and 35 that would be done in phases over the next 4-5 years. In addition Ports of Savage will see improvement in 2022 for easier access. Finally, Scott County is looking at requiring those municipalities with spring elections to pay the costs themselves to save the County money.

3) Agenda Items

- a) Doherty's Tavern - renewal of liquor licenses. Melissa Mansfeldt 2200 Panama Ave requested to renew liquor license. After reviewing the Scott County Sheriff's incident report for the past twelve months, Berens made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-007 supporting renewal of an on-sale, off-sale and Sunday liquor license for S.S.K. Group, L.L.C. d/b/a Doherty's Tavern. Kowalski seconded. All in favor.
- b) Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club - renewal of liquor licenses. Bob Burditt 2920 220th St. requested to renew liquor license. After reviewing the Scott County Sheriff's incident

- report for the past twelve month, Kowalski made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-008 supporting renewal of an on-sale and Sunday liquor license for Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club. Berens seconded. All in favor.
- c) Country Prime Time - renewal of liquor licenses. Dawn Kremmin 2065 Morgan requested to renew liquor license. After reviewing the Scott County Sheriff's incident report for the last twelve months, Kelley made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-009 supporting renewal of an on-sale, off-sale and Sunday liquor license for Country Prime Time. Kowalski seconded. All in favor.
 - d) Public Hearing regarding vacating easement at 4297 190th St. (PID 111390010). Kelley made a motion to open the public hearing for easement vacation. Berens seconded. The public hearing was opened at 7:14 p.m. Tom Sand requested vacation of drainage and utility easement. Hearing no further comment, Kelley made a motion to close the public hearing. Kowalski seconded. The public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m. Renneke stated a discovery dig was made on the property and there was no drain tile in the area. Kowalski made the motion that the Board Chair is authorized to execute Resolution No. 2017-010 on behalf of the Township and the Town Clerk may attest the signature, and the Resolution shall be effective, when the Town Clerk has received a Waiver by Owners as to Vacation of Easement and Dedication of Easement from Todd P. Lea and Jennifer L. Lea in form and acceptable to the Town Clerk and Town Attorney. Berens seconded. All in favor.
 - e) Consider request for rezoning from RR1 to RR2 for an Administrative Lot Split at 18361 Vergus (PID 119160330). Dean Gullickson 18361 Vergus Ave. requested support of rezoning their 10 acre parcel from RR1 to RR2 and an administrative lot split of 3.87 acres (retains existing home) and 6.13 acres. The 6.13 acres will be combined with the 12.52 acre lot to the south. Kowalski made a motion to recommend rezoning from RR1 to RR2 and approval of an administrative lot split of 18361 Vergus. Kelley seconded. All in favor.
 - f) Consider request for rezoning from RR1 to RR2 and Preliminary/Final Plat at 21895 Calmor Ave (PID 119350170). Richard and Sandy Phillips 21895 Calmor Ave. asked for support of rezoning their property so they could sell approximately 4 acres and retain approximately 6 acres where the home is currently located. Discussion of acquiring ROW if the Township would make the road a public road in the future was had. Since there are no current plans to make it a public road and the township would need full buy-in from all neighbors, it was agreed that no dedicated easement was needed. Kowalski made a motion to recommend rezoning from RR1 to RR2 and approval of the preliminary and final plat of 21895 Calmor Ave. Berens seconded. All in favor.
 - g) Consider request for an Interim Use Permit (IUP) for a Solar Garden by US Solar at PID 111330020. David Watt 100 N 6th Mpls. requested support of an IUP for a new 1 Megawatt Solar Garden. Watt explained that US Solar (USS) develops, owns and operates solar gardens. US Solar began working with Gene Hauer in 2016 to lease this land because of the unique infrastructure and topography made it ideal for this project. USS has a 25 year agreement with Xcel Energy in place and has production warranties for how much energy is produced. This solar array utilizes single access trackers which have shorter panels than stationary arrays and have less glare. Issues of glare, screening, safety, landscaping and decommissioning were satisfactorily reviewed at the Development Review Team meeting on 11/8/2017. No neighbors have registered any complaints or concerns before Town Board meeting. Landscape screening was developed to make the project as invisible and as eco-friendly as possible. USS

confirmed that a glare study has been completed and no concerns found. They also stated they are responsible for decommissioning including costs for dismantling, removing and recycling and must post a surety of 125% for those costs. They explained pollinator friendly grasses will be used in all tillable areas and they are responsible for mowing until fully established as well as control of noxious weeds. Traffic during construction will include 15 deliveries with a max of 8 deliveries per week; post-construction traffic is expected to be negligible with on-site visits once a quarter. Posts for solar array are generally vibrated in to minimize noise for neighbors. Gate and fence will be placed behind the landscaping. Hennes asked about the number of panels: 4320 total on 6.9 acres with the anticipated date for construction in late spring 2018. Elizabeth and Donald Beissel 20081 Langford Avenue explained that they have lived in the area for many years and they are not looking forward to seeing solar panels and requested placement of additional fast growing trees (ie poplar) on the north side and USS agreed to review request with landscape architect. Earnest Moen 20220 Langford Avenue resident and Trustee Chair at Zion Methodist - does not feel permit should be approved and expressed concern about glare for aircraft. USS answered that the same type of panels that are used at the MSP airport will be used here and that there are no glare concerns. Moen also stated concern about aesthetics, impact of water run-off and hazardous materials in panels. USS explained that the landscaping will make the panels nearly invisible, the water run-off will have less of an impact than tilled soil has and that the type of panel they use has no hazardous material, including mercury. Kelley made a motion to recommend approval of an interim use permit for a 1 megawatt solar garden at 205th St. E. with the condition that a farm field fence be used around the perimeter and that USS look at using a faster growing tree (ie poplar) on the north side. Kowalki seconded. All in favor.

- h) Consider request to review and approve Developers Agreement for Harvest Bluffs at 20450 Mushtown Rd (PID 119260381). After reviewing the draft of the Developers Agreement, Kelley made a motion that as the Board Chair is authorized to sign the Development Agreement on behalf of the Township, and the Town Clerk may attest the signature, and that the Agreement, provided no material changes are made as deemed by the Township Attorney, shall be effective, when the Town Clerk has received a signed agreement from the Developer or the Developer's Attorney in form and acceptable to the Town Clerk and Town Attorney. Berens seconded. Two in favor. Kowalski abstained.
 - i) Approval of the October 5, 2017 special meeting minutes. Berens made a motion to approve the minutes. Kelley seconded. Kowalski abstained. The minutes were approved;
 - j) Consider a proposal to apply for MnDOT's LRIP Funding for the 190th Street East Road Improvement Project. Renneke proposed that the Township apply for funding to improve 190th to 10 ton road (reclaim, shape, and pave); improve/reinstall culvert on Fairlawn and for Engineering costs on Vergus with the application fee not to exceed \$5,000. Kowalski made a motion to approve a resolution and for Chairman to sign resolution to support the LRIP project for 190th between Fairlawn and Panama. Approve up to \$5,000 for application for LRIP funding. Berens seconded. All in favor.
- 4) **Engineer's Report** - Renneke presented the November Engineer's Report
- a) Signage Replacements. Addison No Parking signs are installed.
 - b) Resident Drainage Concern – Fairlawn Lane/202nd Court East. Monitoring during rain events continues. A quote for the addition of inlets to the system in this area is

available for consideration. Kowalski and Renneke did not have opportunity to check with other residents in the area to see if they share the same concern but will do so before early spring.

- c) Turn Lane Fees. A memo is being drafted by staff and local representatives to be presented to legislature related to these discussions. Each Board member requested to connect with a Supervisor from each of the DAP Townships to build awareness of the proposal.
- d) County Turn Backs. No information has been received from the County.
- e) MS4 Pond Maintenance. The Contractor has made required repairs to areas on McKay Court, Lakeview Drive, Butterfly Lane, Hills of Claire, and Dairy Lane. Repairs on Raymond Avenue and various other areas are scheduled to be completed prior to the end of season. Most items addressed within the \$10,000 allocated.
- f) Miscellaneous
 - i) MnDOT Mowing and Haying in highway right of way. Staff explained MnDOT and DNR are holding listening meetings around the state for anyone concerned with needing a permit prior to mowing ditches on state highways.
- g) Developments
 - i) Harvest Bluffs – Developers Agreement draft is being reviewed by Township staff and attorney. Site clearing and rough grading has started.
 - ii) Phillips Property – Preliminary and Final Plat have been submitted for Township review and recommendation.
 - iii) Gullickson Property – Preliminary Plat submitted for review related to dividing parcel into 2 lots.

5) Road Report

- a) No issues, roads are in good shape.
- b) Berens requested that pothole on Mushtown and 180th be filled.
- c) Road overseer contacted about davenport in ditch on 210th.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) Fence Damage. The fence along Fairlawn at the Townhall was damaged in October and needs to be fixed or replaced. Kowalski suggested since the current fence is light weight and sits in the slope of the ditch which is causing the cement footings to come out that the fence should be moved back out of the ditch and further away from the road to limit snow hitting it from the snow plow. Kowalski will get quotes for chain link and rail fences for the December meeting.
- b) Irrigation system winterized. Greenside Inc. completed winterization of the irrigation system on October 16th. Berens completed winterization of the water fountain and noticed line that needs repair in the spring.
- c) DVR. New DVR for recording security camera footage has been installed.
- d) Sound System Quotes. Hanson presented quotes to add a sound system in the Town Hall. Advanced Systems Integration presented 2 options: \$7944.39 and \$6519.32 (lower bid does not include digital processor which helps with background noise). Downtown Sound presented a quote in the amount of \$2895.60 not including electrical which is estimated to \$600- \$1,000. Staff asked to look into alternative wireless option to see if needs could be met.
- e) Parking Lights and Monument Lights. Issues still remain with both. Lien electric investigating.

f) Painting of Pavilion Not Complete. Sportsman Club needs to complete job but has not returned calls.

7) Water Resources Report

a) Nothing new to report

8) Treasurer's Report

a) Siegle presented the October, 2017 Treasurer's Report. In October total receipts were \$47,699.36, total disbursements were \$42,817 and the ending cash balance was \$1,306,249.05 Kelley made a motion to approve the October, 2017 Treasurer's Report. Kowalski seconded. All in favor.

9) New Business/Old Business

a) Staff continues to try to confirm dates with Jaguar for area mapping and open houses for High Speed Internet for Lake Ridge Drive and possibly other areas in the Township.

10) Approval of Disbursements

a) The Board reviewed the November, 2017 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 12067 to 12098, to be issued with 12079 voided. The checks were signed and given to Hanson for mailing.

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

- Upcoming Meetings

There being no further business before the Board, Kowalski made a motion to adjourn. Berens seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Glenn Kelley, Chairman

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