

OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
April 13, 2023

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

Present:

Doug Berens - Supervisor
Melissa Hanson – Clerk

Lisa Quinn – Supervisor
Dave Johnson - Treasurer

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor
Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl - Stantec

- 1) a) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kowalski at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
b) Changes to the agenda. Quinn made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Berens seconded. All in favor.
- 2) **Public Commentary**
 - a) Allen Soderbeck, 3145 210th St – Requested information on process for a variance to build a pole barn/shed. Staff asked to contact and provide process direction.
 - b) Gerry Feldten, 1850 190th St.– thanked the Board for 2022 dust control pilot saying it worked well and would like to see it continued in 2023.
 - c) Jim Klingberg, 21410 Vergus – asked for help with a sediment concern. Stordahl will review. Staff to contact him about adding an ag building on a 40-acre parcel.
 - d) Christian Morkeberg, Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD)-
 - i) Introduced Emily Dick, Water Resources Project Manager, who will present the Fish Lake Management Plan.
 - ii) Buck Lake Feasibility Study- Approved. The plan has four options: an iron sand filter, an outlet, flood control or combination of those.
- 3) **Agenda Items**
 - a) Consent Agenda- Those items on the Board Agenda which are considered routine or non-controversial are included as part of the Consent Agenda. Unless a supervisor specifically requests that an item on the Consent Agenda be removed and considered separately, items on the Consent Agenda are considered under one motion, second and vote. Any item removed from the consent agenda shall be placed on the council agenda under Items Removed
 - i) Approval of March 15th Special Meeting Minutes Supervisor Workshop-Annexation
 - ii) Approval of April 4th Special Meeting Minutes -Industrial and Residential Development
 - iii) Review and Approve Funding for GIS Add-Ons for road conditions, culverts, signs, MS4 etc.Berens asked to remove the March 9th Monthly Meeting Minutes from the consent agenda and then made motion to approve consent agenda. Quinn seconded. All in favor.
 - b) Removed Consent Agenda Items – if any.

- i) Approval of March 9th, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Quinn made a motion to approve March 9th agenda. Kowalski seconded. Approved 2-0; Berens Abstained.
- c) Review and Consider Request for Support of Rezone, Preliminary and Final Plat 3655 206th- Smaagaard Oaks. Paul Smaagaard, 3655 206th St. E. is proposing to combine PID's 11120110 (2 acres) and PID 119270016 (10 acres) in order to create 2 new parcels- 3.0 acres and 3.17 acres with the existing house remaining on 5.58 acres. Smaagaard noted the Planning Commission approved the preliminary and final plat on conditions identified by Scott County. Smaagaard is currently addressing concerns for 100-year flood plain and septic sites as identified by Scott County.
 - i) Quinn asked if the developer considered facing lots toward future road connection. Stordahl stated existing home prevents new homes from facing future road and that there is also a wetland in that area.
 - ii) Gary Shelton-
 - (1) Expressed concerns regarding proposed development in the past and would like to formally withdraw his concerns as he did at the Scott County Planning meeting.
 - (2) Expressed frustration about the approval process and how development requests versus resident concerns are handled.
 - (3) Minor concern regarding the streetlights and how 2 homes in area will not be paying for lights. Does not like county policy on streetlights where they are required but no one wants to pay for them – county or township.
 - iii) Quinn- Agrees that street lights are a benefit and suggested a user fee for payment. Berens made a motion to approve the rezone and prelim and final plat of Smaagaard Oaks. Kowalski seconded. Quinn Opposed. Motion approved 2-1.
- d) Fish Lake Management Plan Introduction. Emily Dick, Water Resources Manager PLSLWD, provided an overview of current projects for PLSWD and introduced a plan to update a phosphorous load study for Fish Lake to understand current issues and how to move forward to improve the water quality in the lake. The initial landowner meeting (those with parcels that touch the lake) will be held May 25th at Spring Lake Town Hall at 6:00pm. The next project update is planned for the June 8, 2023 during the Spring Lake Township Board Meeting. The final land owner meeting to respond to draft plan will be held October 5th from 6:00-8:00p.m at Spring Lake Town Hall. Morkeberg noted that the phosphorous levels in Fish Lake are good but the chlorophyll levels are high. Dick shared that there is a new program for lake associations to help treat Curly Lake Pond Leaf; Quinn stated that Fish Lake does not have a lake association. Dick will provide residents with information about Curly Leaf Pond work project. The presentation will be made available on Spring Lake Township's website.
- e) Consider Request for Plan Management and Funding of Bridge Connecting Raymond Park to South Shore Drive.
 - i) Maureen Reeder, 2850 South Shore Drive, on behalf of a group of residents:
 - (1) Presented a history of and a proposal for a footbridge connecting SSD and Raymond Park that were part of park plans for Prior Lake and, at one time, Spring Lake Township. She noted that Prior Lake's plan shows the bridge as low priority and should be tied with a road project. Reeder explained that based on a meeting with Prior Lake, they are not interested in building the bridge, maintaining it or prioritizing it for Legacy Funding.
 - (2) Asked the Board if the bridge could be included as part of South Shore Drive (SSD) road project or if park dedication fees could be used to pay for it as it doesn't qualify for Legacy Funding at this point.

- (a) Berens addressed issues about the project:
 - (i) Land is slated to go into the City of Prior Lake in 2024.
 - (ii) It is also not a road project so the same company could not do SSD and the bridge.
 - (iii) Logistic concerns of delivering bridge.
- (3) Explained that PLSLWD would consider putting a path through the land they own so that it is further from the neighbor's home.
- ii) Denny Paulson, 2520 South Shore Drive-
 - (1) Lives next to the proposed bridge/path and is in opposition of the project. He would like to retain privacy and does not want easy access to their property from Raymond Park. He has talked to other neighbors in the area who are also in opposition and expressed concerns about unintended consequences of such a project.
- iii) Board/Staff:
 - (1) Berens noted that even if it were supported, he would prefer not to have path/people in someone's backyard and has concerns with some of the behaviors of people using the park.
 - (2) Stordahl stated he had received a rough estimated cost of \$250,000-\$300,00 for a 100 foot bridge.
 - (3) Quinn asked for the costs for a feasibility study or a grant study which would help the organization pursue a grant.
 - (4) Staff suggested an option of extending curb 20-25 feet at time of road project to help accommodate a future project.
- iv) Morkeberg noted that the area has a lot of buckthorn and that PLSLWD is looking for a grant to clean it up. He also noted that PLSLWD cannot provide funding for a bridge unless there is flood control as part of the project.
- v) Jason Wedel, City Administrator- Prior Lake, noted that he could not speak as to how the bridge would rank on park priorities but noted that the life expectancy of a feasibility study is limited.

Quinn made a motion to fund a feasibility study and a cost estimate of \$7,500. No second. Motion failed.
- f) Review and Consider Approval of Resolution 23-004 Bids for Paving Flag Trail. A total of nine bids were received on April 5, 2023 for the project. One bid was incomplete. Stordahl presented options for paving with a Total Base Bid and a combination of Alt 1, Alt 2 and Alt 3 options. After discussion the Board decided on Base Bid + Alt 1 McNamara (Option 2 on Flag Trail Improvements) was awarded the bid. Quinn expressed need to have a public hearing and assess all benefiting properties when gravel roads are paved. Kowalski agreed with assessment process requirement noting that this project was unique because it was primarily developer funded. Berens made motion to Approve Resolution 23-004 with Base Bid + Alt 1, with McNamara the lowest bidder. Quinn seconded. All in favor.
- g) Discuss Dust Coating Policy for 2023. Stordahl noted that the 2022 pilot project was well received with no dust complaints and without noticeable impacts on ice conditions. The pilot project cost was \$28,000 for collector roads which would have been more but for the discount received by coordinating with Scott County. Doug Johnson, road contractor, noted that roads held up well. Staff shared that project was well received by residents. Berens noted that dust control addresses safety issue with dust on busy roads. Board commented that because of Flag Trail paving project, only

the portion from Dorothy Way to Raven Point Rd on Flag Trail would be dust coated in 2023. Berens made a motion to continue the dust coating pilot program for another year paying for dust coating on collector roads and payment by residents on non-collector roads. Quinn seconded. All in favor.

- h) Amend Motion Awarding Gravel Hauling for 2023 Season. Staff reported there was an error in the reporting of the gravel hauling bids at the March meeting – companies notified that the bid amounts were reversed. Correct bids have been presented: Klingberg Trucking \$8.50/ton from Kraemer and Bryan Rock and Joseph Mullin Trucking at \$7.07/ton from Kraemer and \$6.39/ton from Bryan Rock. Kowalski made a motion to amend the March motion and award the bid to Joseph Mullin Trucking, the lowest bidder. Berens seconded. All in favor.

4) **Engineer's Report**

Stordahl presented the April Engineer's Report.

a) Miscellaneous

- Flag Trail Paving – A total of nine bids were received. Award to McNamara (low bidder).
- South Shore Drive Improvements – Plans and specifications are being prepared and are on schedule to be completed before the May Board meeting.
- 2023 Road Maintenance – JPA bids have been received and staff plan to recommend award. Berens made a motion to approve cracksealing and seal coating of up to \$200,000 utilizing ARPA funds. Kowalski seconded. All in favor.
- Culvert Inspections – The Township's culverts have been inspected and a list of issues prepared. We're currently looking at options for storing the data and being able to update it as needed.
- Dairy Lane & Hwy 282 – MnDOT has repaved the area to correct the issue. BKJ/Art Johnson Trucking no longer has any issue, but Charlie Bohn has stated that they still drag when going through the intersection. MnDOT is aware of the issue. Stordahl had a conversation with Diane Langenbach from MnDOT and provided a video of the difficulty that Bohn has going in and out of Dairy Lane – the fix is relatively easy.

b) Development

- Orderly Annexation Agreement – Negotiations have stalled to update the annexation agreement. Prior Lake, County, and Township staff met on January 30th to discuss a proposed AUAR study that could be completed in the OAA area. The City is planning to pursue a County EDA grant that would partially fund the study, looking at development issues in the OAA area. City staff mentioned that the boundaries of the study would encompass the entire OAA area in the western portion of the Township, and could extend even further south.
- Developments –
 - Smaagard Oaks – The project was reviewed and approved by the County Planning Commission at their April 10th meeting.
 - TH282/TH13 Industrial Park – JMH Land Development has requested the 2040 Comp Plan be amended to permit the proposed industrial park. The site has excellent highway access, and the

County & State are currently reviewing the intersection of TH13/TH282/Cty Rd 17 for near term and ultimate ROW needs. The project was reviewed and approved 5-1 by the County Planning Commission at their April 10th meeting. The County Commissioners will review the request on May 2nd at 9:00 am. The final step would be for Met Council to amend the comp plan. Quinn asked about next steps if the town is voted down. Board asked staff to consider understanding costs and process for incorporation and/or to do our own planning and zoning.

- Scenic Bay Estates – The base course paving has been completed and rough grading has been completed. Home construction has started on some of the lots. A project punchlist has been prepared and forwarded to the Developer.
- Schieffer/Bassett Development Amazed Acres – The base course paving has been completed, and the storm sewer & pond construction is complete. The street signs need to be installed and the site will be ready for home construction. A project punchlist has been prepared and forwarded to the Developer. The Developer has stated that he would be agreeable to helping address the temporary cul-de-sac issue if an agreement can be reached regarding further reducing the project surety.

5) Road Report – Beren’s Update

- a) No Road Issues
- b) Weight limit in place for another week.
- c) Resident picked up mattress on 210th and brought it to SLT for disposal.
- d) 180th & 182nd not yet graded but the rest have been graded.
- e) Berens has reviewed most of the roads for his road tour.
- f) Patching needed near launch on Vergus.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) Staff had initial meeting with audio consultant. Proposal for sound system to be reviewed at May meeting

7) Water Resources Report – Quinn Update

- a) SWMO – McMahon Outlet – Design is 60% complete. Still working on legislation to transfer grant/ownership to Scott Soil and Water District. Shallow lake forum will be held which includes McMahon.
- b) Leslie Vermillion talked with Ken Pautz and is considering a cost share on the erosion control.

8) Treasurer’s Report

- a) Johnson presented the March, 2023 Treasurer’s Report. In March total receipts were \$57,528.01, total disbursements were \$212,281.31, and the ending cash balance was \$3,413,319.04. Quinn made a motion to approve the March, 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Kowalski seconded. All in favor.

9) SCALE

- a) Funding from data analyst position that was not back-filled will be used to fund changes to Regional Training Facility.
- b) SCALE Meeting 4/13- CDA meeting host and Legislative Update from Tony Albright.

10) New Business/Old Business

- a) Quinn received a complaint from a resident that no erosion control was being used at 17766 Langford and concerns about the number of company related trucks. Staff reported to Scott County Code Enforcement.

11) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the April, 2023 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 14332 o 14364, to be issued. The checks were signed and given to Hanson for mailing.

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

- List of 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 10:30 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Ted Kowalski, Chairman

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