

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
October 12, 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. Staff amended item 3.a) to read Resolution 23-010 (rather than 22-015) 3.b) to *Discuss* Ash Tree Removal on Vergus Ave. and requested to change 3.c) *Public Hearing* and Consideration of a Request for a Vacation of a Portion of a Drainage and Utility Easement at 5590 Raven_Point Rd. Quinn made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Berens seconded. All in favor.

2) Public Commentary

- a) Christian Morkeberg, Treasurer -Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District-
 - Fish Lake Study – Resident meeting held to review Fish Lake Management Study. The study identified where phosphorus levels originate and found both internal and external issues with phosphorus. Field experts explained what the issues are and provided some solution ideas and for residents to discuss. Next month a meeting with the SLT Board will be held to review and discuss solution options.
 - Flood Management – 40-year-old outlet structure on Prior Lake is cracking and needs to be repaired at a cost of \$1,500,000-\$2,000,000. Seeking legislative support for funding.
 - Project on Swamp Lake for phosphorous reduction determined not be cost effective because of the lower levels of phosphorus in the lake.
- b) Jamie Michaels-3664 Basswood Circle, Prior Lake- shared preliminary plan for subdividing a 14.5 acre lot into one 2.5-acre parcel and one 12-acre parcel with both parcels using the existing driveway to connect to Panama. Application, prelim and final plat will be submitted.
- c) Gail Molden–17334 Vergus Ave, procedural question regarding variance she will be requesting for impervious surface. Staff to contact City of Prior Lake regarding 3 person OAA board as home is in the current annexation area.

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

- Approval of September 14, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes.
- Consider Request for Approval of Liquor Licenses: Country Prime Time, MN Horse and Hunt, Doherty's
- Consider Approval of Resolution 23-010 Certifying Unpaid Utilities Owed to the Township

Berens made a motion to approve consent agenda. Quinn seconded. All in favor.

- b) Discuss Ash Tree Removal on Vergus Ave Bids Stordahl led discussion about bids including process for removal of wood and how to manage trees near lake.
- There are approximately 450 trees to be removed.
 - Bids to be completed in 5 sections to help manage costs.
 - Discussion had regarding milling/wood chipping in ditches or hauling away removed trees. Board and contractors present suggested to haul the wood away. David Penn, owner of Mn Horse and Hunt said his club is a possible location for wood chips.
 - Stump height to be considered for safety. Trees located on Cynthia Lake will not be removed as they don't pose a road hazard.
 - The township will plan for traffic control with road closed signs.
 - Bid process will be started with goal to have work done before April 1.
- c) Public Hearing and Consideration of a Request for a Vacation of a Portion of a Drainage and Utility Easement at 5590 Raven Point Rd. Malinda Carney is requesting support of a vacation of a portion of a drainage and utility easement for the construction of a new shed.
- Kowalski opened the public hearing at 7:31 pm. Hearing no public comment, Quinn made a motion to close the public hearing. Berens seconded. All in favor. The public hearing was closed at 7:32 pm.
- Kowalski made a motion to approve Resolution 23-009 vacating a portion of the drainage and utility easement located at 5590 Raven Point Rd. Quinn seconded. All in favor.
- d) Consider Request for Support of Variance for Lot Split Utilizing 66 feet of Public Right of Way rather than Publicly Maintained Road at 1447 Butterfly Lane- Julie Shimek, on behalf of homeowner, requested that 66ft of a public ROW vs. public road be used for frontage requirements in order to complete a lot split that was approved at the August 10th Town Board meeting. Kowalski made a motion to approve a variance request. Berens seconded. All in favor.

4) Engineer's Report

Stordahl presented the October Engineer's Report.

a) Miscellaneous

- Flag Trail Paving – McNamara Contracting has completed the project work. Their final pay request has been submitted for consideration. All pay consideration completed and under original bid.
- 2023 Road Maintenance – Sealcoat work has been completed with striping work yet to be completed. Second sweeping to be completed in near future.
- Dairy Lane & Hwy 282 – MnDOT has funded the repair project. Scott County has authorized the Township to complete this work through their maintenance contract with Northwest Asphalt. Northwest has completed the repair, but it appears that the

work did not correct this issue. We are working with Northwest to determine next steps.

- Sign Replacement Project – Signs have been ordered and the work will be scheduled once they arrive.
- Vergus Tree Maintenance – Dead & damaged trees along Vergus have been identified. Tree work won't begin until after November 1st due to regulations surrounding the protected Long Eared Bat.

b) Development

- Orderly Annexation Agreement – A joint meeting was held on August 2nd with the Township, Prior Lake, the CDA Board, and the County to discuss zoning and annexation. It was decided that there will be small working groups to help determine possible solutions to the various challenges between the City and the Township prior to another large group meeting. The next work group meeting is scheduled for October 17th. Staff and Board reviewed alternative scenarios and consideration suggested by work group. Board discussed continued desire for a land use study of entire OAA area. The Board stated that a starting point should be a land use study for use and timing for the entirety of what was in the OAA since other suggestions proposed by township have been denied.
- Developments –
 - i) Scenic Bay Estates – The punchlist work has been completed and the project can now be considered completed.
 - ii) Amazed Acres- should be able to reduce the surety but should we consider cul de sac issue and ask for temporary easement for the wings so they can be added.
 - iii) Nomadic Shack & Schieffer 7 – There are some early discussions surrounding possible development in the area of TH13 and Cty Rd 10. Nomadic Shack would like to construct a 50,000 SF warehouse facility on the west side of TH13, and a preliminary discussion with Mr. Schieffer was had to determine his interest in doing something with his parcels on the east side of the highway. These projects would involve a Comp Plan amendment, and preliminary discussions with the County lead us to believe that they would support the projects.

5) Road Report

- a) No road issues to report.
- b) Couch on 180th Street, East of Fairlawn reported to Road Overseer.
- c) Xeon Speed Study Completed- MNDOT said it could be posted at 55 MPH or left statutorily unposted but that posting a blind intersection or advisory speed limits on vertical curves could be considered.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) Audio Equipment ship date of 10/25.
- b) Bottle Filler issues continue. Closed for season. Issue will be fixed in Spring.
- c) New IT support company being considered as former company has changed service models.
- d) New carpet to be installed at the end of the month in meeting hall.

7) Water Resources Report Quinn

- a) Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District: Fish Lake Management Plan - Resident meeting held to review study and solutions.
- b) Scott Water Management Organization: Shallow Lakes Presentation - Completed
- c) Board of Water and Soil Resources: WBIF – Grants announced: PLSLWD \$169,500, Scott WMO- \$646,000 in 2024 and 2025. Money must be in the watershed or WMO.
- d) McMahon LID is being dissolved at the next County Board meeting. A taxing district will be established most likely consisting of only lakeshore residents.

8) Treasurer’s Report

- a) Johnson presented the September, 2023 Treasurer’s Report. In September total receipts were \$8,554.41, total disbursements were \$161,099.87, and the ending cash balance was \$3,117,395.54. Quinn made a motion to approve the September, 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Berens seconded. All in favor.

9) SCALE

- a) **Legislative Priorities** – street impact fees, housing, MET Council, and teacher shortage.

10) New Business/Old Business

- a) Credit River seeking a Comp Plan Amendment: Credit River is asking for comments regarding a request to change 139 acres from Urban Expansion Reserve to Commercial at Cty Rd 21 near Murphy Lake Blvd. After discussion, the Board decided to make a comment supporting the request recognizing the need for Comp Plan changes when circumstances change.
- b) Draft 2024 – 2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), was presented to the Scott County Board in a workshop on September 5, 2023 and is now available for review and final comments from our partners; comments requested by Friday, November 10. Board has no comments.

11) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the October, 2023 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 14548 to 14574, to be issued. The checks were signed and given to Hanson for mailing.

There being no further business before the Board, Kowalski made a motion to adjourn. Quinn seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Ted Kowalski, Chairman

Melissa Hanson, Clerk