

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

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

Present:

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor
Dave Johnson - Treasurer

Lisa Quinn – Supervisor
Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl - Stantec

Absent:

Doug Berens – Supervisor

Melissa Hanson – Clerk

- 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 requested to amend item 3.d) from Review and Consider Request for Support of Variance for Increase of over 50% for Non-Conforming Home at 80 Country Trail to *Review and Consider Request for 2 Variances: 1. A variance from the required road ROW setback to expand a legal a non-conforming home by more than 50% and 2. A variance from the requirement that the roofline of an attached garage cannot extend above the roofline of the principal building.* Staff requested to add item 3.g) Consider Resolution 23-017 Requesting Funding from MnDOT through the LRIP for 190th Street for Pavement and Safety Improvements. Quinn made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Kowalski seconded. All in favor.

- 2) **Public Commentary**
 - a) Tom Wolf, Scott County Commissioner-
 - i) Sand Creek comp plan amendment is on the November 13 planning commission agenda and could be controversial.
 - ii) 23/8 roundabout back on schedule
 - b) Dave Beer, Scott County Commissioner- Introduced by Commissioner Wolf, Beer stated he is here to answer any questions that others in attendance may have.
 - c) Tommy Anderson,
 - i) Representing buyer for 18181 Luedke and 4300 182nd. Property is a stable property that needs a CUP transferred to the new owner. Staff will reach out to the County on transfer process.
 - ii) Presented email from Patricia Anderson regarding her 67 acres on 195th Street. Concerned about drainage, ditch and field shrinking that seems to coincide with the culvert work on 195th. Stordahl to follow up.
 - d) Wayne Ahmann, 21101 Parkfield Ave- Representing neighbors concerned about the group home on Parkfield Ave. Voiced concerns over how the existing in-home daycare business on Parkfield is being impacted by the frequent sheriff calls. Believes the individual may have moved out but concern remains about the next person that moves in.

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 October 12, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes.
 - ii) Consider Resolution Designating Annual Polling Place.
 - iii) Consider Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election, Primary and General Election

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

- b) Review and Consider Request for Support of 2 Variances: Impervious Surface and Side Set Back Variance at 17334 Vergus Ave.- Gail Molden (not present) is requesting support for a variance for a side yard setback less than the required 10 feet and an impervious surface variance of more than the allowed 25% located at 17334 Vergus Avenue in order to build an addition onto her home. Molden is requesting a side yard setback of 8.5ft and an impervious surface amount of 28.1%. The home is in the orderly annexation area however the City of Prior Lake has agreed that no OAA board review is needed. Kowalski made a motion to approve the variance request. Quinn seconded. All in favor.
- c) Review and Consider Support for Prelim and Final Plat of Schumann 3rd Addition with 2 parcels (2.5 and 12 acres parcels) at 19121 Panama-Jamie Michaels is requesting support of the preliminary and final plat of 19121 Panama Ave-Schuman 3rd Addition (PID 111390030). Michaels would like to split his current 14.5 acre parcel into 2 lots approximately 2.5 and 12 acres. The current home on the property would remain with the 2.5 acre parcel and a new home will be built on the 12 acre parcel. The new home driveway will be shared with an existing driveway coming off of 190th Street. Kowalski made a motion to approve the prelim and final plat. Quinn seconded. All in favor.
- d) Review and Consider Request for Support of 2 Variances at 80 Country Trail: 1. A variance from the required road ROW setback to expand a legal a non-conforming home by more than 50% and 2. A variance from the requirement that the roofline of an attached garage cannot extend above the roofline of the principal building. Tom and Amanda Kreuser are requesting a variance from the required 100ft road ROW setback to 53ft to expand a legal non-conforming home by more than 50% and a 1ft roofline variance that would allow the garage roofline to extend above the roofline of the main building. The homeowners would like to build an attached garage to their existing home. Quinn made a motion to approve the variance request. Kowalski seconded. All in favor.
- e) Review and Award Bid for Vergus Ave Ash Tree Removal Project -Stordahl presented bids in the amount of:
- i) Hiawatha Tree - \$72,998
 - ii) Cole Cuts- \$21,250
 - iii) Carr Tree Service- \$68,250
 - iv) North Star Tree Service- \$45,000
- Kowalski made a motion to approve the bid from Cole Cuts, Quinn seconded. As a contingency North Star Tree service will be awarded the bid if Cole Cuts withdraws.

- f) Consider Approval of Resolution Accepting Roads in Scenic Bay Estates. Engineer stated roads look good and no corrections are needed, and warranty period can begin. Kowalski made motion to approve resolution 23-016 accepting roads in Scenic Bay. Quinn seconded. All in favor.
- g) Consider Resolution 23-017 Requesting Funding from MnDOT through the LRIP for 190th Street for Pavement and Safety Improvements. Stordahl proposed that the Township apply for funding to improve 190th from Fairlawn to Panama, upgrading it to a 10 ton design, including culvert replacements and grading improvements. Township will need to pay for design, inspection and any ROW costs that might be needed. Quinn made a motion to approve resolution 23-017 requesting funding through the LRIP project for 190th between Fairlawn and Panama. Kowalski Second. Township

4) Engineer's Report

Stordahl presented the November Engineer's Report.

a) Miscellaneous

- Flag Trail Paving – McNamara Contracting has completed the project work and the final pay request has been paid.
- 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. Bids have been submitted and are ready for Board consideration.

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 Township provided a list of considerations to which the City responded with a memo including their offer on November 7th.
 - Conversation had with commissioners Wolf and Beer regarding past conversations with City, history of negotiations and next steps.
- Developments –
 - Scenic Bay Estates – The punchlist work has been completed and the project can now be considered completed.
 - Schieffer/Bassett Development Amazed Acres – The wear course and shouldering aggregate have been placed, and the majority of the punchlist work has been completed. The project can be considered complete, and the surety returned.
 1. Discussion had regarding cul-de-sacs and when/if they will be corrected to comply with new design standard plate.

- Nomadic Homes & Scheiffer 7 – There are some early discussions surrounding possible development in the area of TH13 and Cty Rd 10. Nomadic Homes would like to construct a 50,000 SF warehouse facility on the west side of TH13, and a preliminary discussion with Mr. Scheiffer 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) Couch, Dresser and Chair picked up and brought to Buckingham.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) New Carpet Installation- Able to use existing adhesive for a savings of \$1300.
- b) Fish Lake Sportsman’s Club stocked Fish Lake with Walleye on 10/30. 75 pounds were put in the lake. 1 pound = 25 fish for a total of 1875 walleye.
- c) Bottle filler to be replaced.
- d) The flagpole rope broke. Cole Cuts to repair.

7) Water Resources Report

- a) McMahon Lake residents received a letter from the County and SWCD regarding being put into a taxing district to fund and maintain the outlet project. Quinn has received calls from residents voicing concerns.
- b) Melissa Bokman (SWCD) checking to see if there will be any money left over for other boat launches once Prior Lake launches are fixed.
- c) WBIF is coming up in January.
- d) Fish Lake Management project meeting next week.

8) Treasurer’s Report

- a) Johnson presented the October, 2023 Treasurer’s Report. In October total receipts were \$12,335.60, total disbursements were \$31,873.51, and the ending cash balance was \$3,097,857.63. Kowalski made a motion to approve the October, 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Quinn seconded. All in favor.

9) SCALE

- a) Discussion had regarding how MnDOT can’t force townships to maintain/own bridges.

10) New Business/Old Business

11) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the November, 2023 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered 14575 to 14607, (with 14602 to 14606 voided) 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, Quinn made a motion to adjourn. Kowalski seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Sara Domer, Deputy Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Ted Kowalski, Chairman

Melissa Hanson, Clerk