

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2026**

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

Present:

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor
Melissa Hanson – Clerk

Lisa Quinn – Supervisor
Stacy Siegle - Treasurer

Jeff Miller - Supervisor
Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl - Stonebrooke

Jovian Tupy- Stonebrooke
Intern

- 1) a) The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Quinn at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- b) Changes to the agenda. Kowalski made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Miller seconded. All in favor.

2) Public Commentary

- a) Christian Morkeberg, Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD) provided overview of role of PLSLWD and shared updates:
 - i) Upper Prior Lake – may be coming off of impaired list due to work of PLSLWD
 - ii) Fish Lake- Grant likely to be received for Fish Lake to use toward an alum treatment to help reduce internal phosphorous loading.
 - iii) Spring Lake- most challenging lake in the Watershed, receives most pollution from upstream, goal is to reduce 800 lbs of phosphorous each year.
2026 projects
 - (1) Desiltation pond improvements.
 - (2) Iron Enhanced Sand Filter on west side of lake (largest contributor of pollution and phosphorous).
 - (3) Buck Stream – Phase 2 will help with erosion/sediment downstream.
 - (4) Hwy 13- wetland excavation project has been postponed to 2028.
- b) Tom Wolf, Scott County Commissioner- Nothing to report.
- c) Jim Mulken, Commissioner Candidate introduced himself.
- d) Tom Quinn, 1796 Spring Lake Circle- Volunteer Lead for Raymond park, provided park update.
 - i) Second year of parks committee with 8-10 people representing Raymond and South Shore Parks.
 - ii) South Shore – 3 trees planted; 2 healthy, 1 struggling. Volunteers are watering using donated rain barrel and gutter system.
 - iii) Raymond- 2 loads of mulch were spread by volunteers. An additional load needed in fall. Bird house fixed and replaced.
 - iv) Resident Requests-
 - (1) Capital Improvement Fund for parks
 - (2) Fundraising opportunities
 - (a) Hanson stated fundraising is allowed if it is for a specific project and approved by the Board.

-Morkeberg asked if management of invasive species is specific enough, staff suggested that it is best to have a project that has a beginning and an end, rather than ongoing maintenance.

-Staff noted that all park user fees go to park fund and then to general fund to pay off debt for Town Hall. Once all debt is paid off then park funds will stay in park fund and per statute can be used for acquisition or improvements but cannot be used for regular maintenance.

- e) Marcia Rodning, 2590 South Shore Drive – Volunteer lead for South Shore Park
 - i) Thanked the township for work at the parks including the mowing, noting it is much better than in the past, and for the trees. She explained that one family is now doing all the watering for new trees.
 - ii) New memorial bench will replace aging bench.
 - iii) Future projects - Would like to upgrade sand to something else; set a strategy for future improvements. Asked if Rotary could donate for different projects such as interactive/learning toys at park.

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 July 9, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes.
 - ii) Approval of July 14, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes- 199th St. Bid Approval and 180th St. Wetland

Kowalski made motion to approve consent agenda. Miller seconded. All in favor.

- b) Discuss Resident Paving of Schumann Ave. Driveway- Jamie Michael, 4223 190th Street – asked for Board permission to pave the shared driveway/future road Schumann Ave at the sole expense of the shared driveway residents. A document was presented with signatures of owners whose homes take access from the shared driveway acknowledging that they understand they will be assessed if the road is paved by the township in the future. Discussion had. Board is not opposed to residents paving driveway with understanding that assessments could happen in the future.
- c) Discussion of 180th Wetland- Staff shared that rising wetlands are causing concerns on private property and what the Township has done in the past as well as future options to help with water levels. Unfortunately, since this is a DNR wetland, Spring Lake Township does not have the ability to regulate the water level nor the financial capacity to do so.
 - i) Wade Wadell, 18301 Country Squires- Wadell shared history of land and his concerns with 1) impact of additional pipes from new Prior Lake development and 2) issues caused by Northern Gas damaging drain tiles 10+ years ago. He commented that after the township fixed the clay tile outlet a few years ago, someone smashed it with rocks. He noted even in drought years his neighbor's barn is still getting wet and shifting/sagging and suggested legal action would need to be taken. He further noted that he has asked for help from the State, County and Prior Lake but hasn't gotten help. He inquired about the use of lateral boring and what

license, permits are needed. Wadell stated he would consider obtaining the land on Fairlawn that was recently given to the Township from the County.

- (1) Stordahl reviewed history, issues, permitting, and fixes explored. He explained that Prior Lake did not identify the culverts running under 180th in their planning and they don't believe they are contributing to the wetland issue. He explained he continues to look for grant money for this project but because it's not a water quality or flood control matter, funds are difficult to find. Stordahl further explained that if the funding was provided by an outside entity, then everyone would need to work with the DNR, PLSLWD and others.
 - (2) Miller recognized that this is a difficult situation, but the township alone cannot fund a fix.
 - (3) Kowalski noted that we have considered abandoning 180th Street and returning the entire area to wetland.
 - (4) Jamie Michael, grew up in house where the barn is compromised. Shared his history of the property and how over the years the land just became wetter and wetter and they were no longer able to farm it,
- d) Consider Approval of Lydia Prime Central Final Plat- Stordahl presented the final plat. County Surveyor reviewing. Township is waiting on the letter of credit, Developer's Agreement and Stormwater Agreement but anticipates these being completed and approved by our attorney soon. Surveying, erosion control scheduled for next week with grading in a couple of weeks.

Kowalski made motion to approve the Lydia Prime Central final plat. Miller seconded. All in favor.

4) Engineer's Report

Stordahl/Drews presented the August Engineer's Report.

a) MS4: Stantec

- Township's MS4 permit documentation in preparation for the phase 2 permit, anticipated 2027.
- MS4 & GIS: Stantec preparing documentation and maintenance training videos for staff.

b) 2050 Comp Plan Study: County Comments received June 29. Discuss pausing report until the Maxfield study is released in fall '26.

Task	Description	Cost	Eligible EDAP			In Process?	% Complete	Invoiced this Period on 193807678	Invoiced to Date on 193807678	Invoiced to Date on 193806778	Budget Remaining	Completion ETA
			Eligible EDAP		60%							
Task 1	Background data assembly	\$ 6,800.00	Yes	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 3,400.00	Yes	100%		4,190.25	2,359.50	250.25	Task 1 is complete
Task 2	Concept Master Plan	\$ 11,800.00	No		\$ -	Yes	75%	228.75	7,928.50		3,871.50	Concept Master Plan revisions on hold, until Mayfield Study is published in October 2026.
Task 3	Off-site aerial review of farmed wetlands and est. wetland boundaries	\$ 6,300.00	Yes	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 3,150.00	Yes	100%			4,396.50	1,903.50	Task 3 is complete
Task 4	Wetland Delineation, Inventory & Replacement options	\$ 74,200.00	Yes	\$ 74,200.00	\$ 37,100.00	Yes	35%	87.50	18,481.75	13,185.97	42,532.28	Subtask 1 (Field work) complete. Subtask 4 (Report) draft is completed - final report following revisions to Concept Master Plan.
Task 5	Final Master Plan	\$ 8,800.00	Yes	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 4,400.00	No	0%				8,800.00	Final Master Plan within 4 weeks of township board meeting and open house to review the concept master plan.
Task 6	Community Engagement	\$ 11,700.00	No		\$ -	No	0%				11,700.00	Open house will be scheduled when a draft concept plan is prepared. Any relevant input from both the township board and residents will be incorporated into a final master plan.
Task 7	Land Use Plan & Zoning Amendments	\$ 9,000.00	No		\$ -	No	0%				9,000.00	This task will not be completed as scoped - land use will be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan Update process with Scott County.
Total		\$ 128,800.00		\$ 98,100.00	\$ 48,650.00			\$ 318.25	\$ 30,800.60	\$ 19,841.97	\$ 78,067.63	

c) Lydia Prime Central Development Review: Stantec- After review of plans, Stantec asked that Turf Reinforcement Mat (TRM) be installed in areas where the 100-year High Water Level (HWL) extends into the right-of-way. Construction plans have been updated accordingly.

d) Road Projects

1. Buck Lake Circle Reconstruction: Stonebrooke; Status - On hold. Preliminary plans have been prepared. Project is on hold due to costs that include fix for wetland. Stordahl noted that Buck Lake Circle had 4 areas that deteriorated and BKJ has patched.
2. 199th Street Reconstruction: Stonebrooke; Status - Project awarded on July 14th. Construction has begun. The existing pavement has been reclaimed, concrete and asphalt driveways have been removed and replaced, and most of the topsoil work has been completed. The wear course paving is remaining, with seeding and final cleanup to be done soon. 1st pay request has been submitted. Staff reviewed and it is in alignment with the bid sheet- in the check run tonight.
-Full Project Budget = \$425,200. Low bid = \$247,439.50

Order Feasibility Report	Nov 13, 2025	Complete
Accept Feasibility Report/Call for a Public Improvement Hearing	Dec 11, 2025	Complete
Public Improvement Hearing	Jan 8, 2026	Complete
Order Plans and Specifications	Jan 8, 2026	Complete
Approve Plans/specs authorize bidding	May 15, 2026	Complete
Open Bids/Call for Assessment Hearing	June 11, 2026	Bid opening on June 10th, Complete
Assessment Hearing	June 11, 2026	Complete
Award Contract (Special Meeting)	July 14, 2026 (Tues)	Complete
Begin Construction	Summer 2026	Underway
End Construction	Fall 2026	

Project Name	DRT Mtg Held?	Plat	Construction Plans?	Developers Agmt?	Construction Started?	Note
Lydia Prime Central Development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Final revisions being made with anticipated approval the week of August 10th.	No	Revised plat and construction plans have been submitted to County and Township. The County Board approved everything at their August 4th meeting. Final Plat has been approved by County, DA to be signed. Construction is expected to begin mid-August.
Meadow Oaks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Needed	No	14 lots along Vergus and 195th Final plat approval at July 9 meeting; working on stormwater maintenance concerns. Current plans may be over designed and it's being reviewed by the County and Township.

e) Development Projects: Stonebrooke –

f) Outside Agency Projects:

Owner	Description	Project Phase	Notes
Scott County	Panama & 190 th Roundabout	Construction	<i>Project Complete.</i>
MnDOT	Hwy 13/Hwy 282/Cty Rd 17 Roundabout	Preliminary	Preliminary planning has begun for the future road layout. A roundabout is currently being planned, with construction to take place in the next few years. The future replacement of this roundabout with an overpass is also being discussed at this time, in part to help establish future ROW needs as development occurs. An open house is scheduled for Aug 18th 4:30-6:30 at the County Maintenance Building. Future overpass and how to acquire ROW as development happens.
Scott County	Cty Rd 23 & Cty Rd 8 Roundabout (Doherty's)	Preliminary	Scott County is requesting RFP's for engineering services for a roundabout to be constructed.

g) Miscellaneous:

- Prior Lake/Spring Lake Shared Road Agreements, Stonebrooke– The City has proposed a 60% City; 40% Township split for costs of M/O reconstructs impacting Fairlawn (Hwy 13 to 180th), Mushtown (Ponds Parkway to 180th); 180th E (Mushtown to Revere). Future paving/maintenance of 180th St E at Fairlawn would be Prior Lake's. Other road maintenance activities would be as currently shared in the agreement.

- 8/13/2026 – Received draft agreement – besides above roads, also includes Revere and a portion of Sunset Trail which is scheduled for a reconstruct in 2029. Prior Lake looking to put utilities in and pave 170th in the near future.
- Prior Lake/Spring Lake Utilities Agreement, Stonebrooke– The City has been asked to draft the Agreements and they have agreed.
- Winker Court Pavement- Special Meeting requested on Sept 16 @ 6:00 to discuss project. Board asked staff to attend. Discussion of maintenance agreement with Cedar Lake at October meeting.
- 2026 crackseal and sealcoat projects have been awarded. Sealcoat work has been completed, with crackseal to be completed soon.
- 2026 maintenance project. The mill & overlays planned for 165th & McKay and Oelke Dr are scheduled to be completed mid-August (mill on 18th/overlay 19th). Resident notice has been given.
- Erin Ave Culvert is breaking up, patch repair is \$10,000. An overlay project would be \$25,000. Miller made a motion to approve \$10,000 for patching at Erin. Quinn seconded. All in favor.
- Minnesota Transportation Alliance to host meeting with politicians and candidates about transportation concerns. Wekmann-Brekke asked for expansion of funding for secondary County roads as well local township and city roads. Stordahl also needed awareness of large project impacts on smaller roads as well as bridge replacement funds is necessary. Spring Lake Township has one bridge on Malibu.

5) Road Report

- a) Road Project Planner discussion- Miller has created a 5-year paving project proposal in anticipation of discussion of projects and funding at upcoming Budget meeting.
- b) 205th and Kanes Lane– washout, BKJ is looking at fix.
- c) Street Sweeping discussion- Staff shared hourly costs for street sweeping Quality Cutters at \$158 per hour Prior Lake \$215 per hour. Roads with storm sewers include Vergus/Raymond/South Shore Drive, Dairy Lane, 165th and Pin Oak. Depending on number of times swept, costs range from \$3,732-\$8,700 per year. Staff recommends 4 x per year on roads connected to lake and 2 x per year on others. \$3732 with Quality Cutters. Kowalski a motion to approve \$4,000 per year for street sweeping. Miller seconded. All in favor.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) Gravel parking lot at Fish Lake Park needs weed removal. Possible graveling in Spring.
- b) Fluorescent lights in office need replacing. LEDs ordered.

7) Water Resources Report

- a) Quinn has had initial conversations with PLSLWD about WBIF grant projects. SLT stream bank restoration projects are not likely to get funded. Total grant is \$898,000 may include desilt pond improvements. Other projects proposed related to water quality improvements within the township: Shoreline restoration at Raymond (must include a maintenance plan); extra street sweeping and Iron Enhanced Sand Filter.

8) Treasurer's Report

- a) Siegle presented the July 2026 Treasurer's Report. In July total receipts were \$16,802.50, total disbursements were \$169,252.03, and the ending cash balance was

\$1,058,594.50. Kowalski made a motion to approve the July, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Miller seconded. All in favor.

9) SCALE

- a) **General Meeting 8/14-Law Library Update; PLSLWD update "Signs of Success on the Lake"**

10) New Business/Old Business

- a) The IRS has increased the standard business mileage rate from 72.5 cents to 76 cents per mile for travel on or after July 1, 2026, due to rising fuel prices.
- b) Annual meeting reminder - held during the September 10th regular Board Meeting.
- c) Budget Meeting Thursday August 20, 2026 2:00-4:00.
- d) 170th Feasibility Open House Aug 19, 2026 5:00-6:00 – Prior Lake City Hall.
Considered as a future public improvement project by the City of Prior Lake to construct a new roadway section and extend municipal utilities (water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer).
- e) Coles provided estimate for removal of tree at Raymond at \$850.00. Board Approved.
- f) Quinn will discuss Park CIP at Budget Meeting.

11) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the August 2026 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 15691 to 15724, 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 8:30 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Lisa Quinn, Chairperson

Melissa Hanson, Clerk