



**Call to Order:** Supervisor Moreau called the July, 2021 Meeting of the Springfield Township Board and Springfield Township Parks Commission to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350.

**Roll Call:**

**Board Members Present**

Laura Moreau	Township Supervisor
Sean Miller	Township Clerk
Jamie Dubre	Township Treasurer
Marc Cooper	Township Trustee
David Hopper	Township Trustee
Jason Pliska	Township Trustee
Dennis Vallad	Township Trustee

**Parks Commissioners Present**

Roger Bower	Chairperson
Sarah Richmond	Director
Diane Baker	Secretary
Anne Loncar	Commissioner
Dennis Omell	Commissioner
Angela Spicer	Commissioner (arrived at 6:22 p.m.)
Jean Vallad	Treasurer

**Parks Commissioner Absent**

Richard Parke	Commissioner
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**New Business:**

**1.) Overview of Parks & Recreation Activities, New Services, & Programs**

Director Richmond gave an overview of Parks & Recreation Activities that were impacted by shutdowns during the past year including self-guided tours of Davis Lake, Scavenger Hunts, Tennis Lessons, Self-guided cemetery tours, Halloween events, Spaghetti and Taco dinners, Santa in a snow globe, Easter event, Baseball and Softball, and limestone pathway completion all while adhering to CDC and MDHHS guidelines.

Commissioner Vallad questioned whether the response was better to mail or email brochures. Director Richmond indicated that the response was better with mailed brochures.



## **2.) Senior Services**

Supervisor Moreau discussed the Senior Services and the proposal made at the joint meeting with the Library Board to perform a needs survey. Supervisor Moreau noted that she has been having conversations with the planning consultant, Carlisle Wortman to begin working on a Senior Services Master Plan. Supervisor Moreau also discussed Senior Services from a Land Use perspective and noted that the Township has begun revisiting and revising the Township Master Plan

Commissioner Loncar questioned whether Supervisor Moreau had any census information regarding the number of Seniors in our community. Supervisor Moreau indicated that she does not have the 2020 census data yet and any information would come from the 2010 census.

Trustee Vallad asked when the census data might be available. Trustee Hopper noted that the Township would need to use SEMCOG data because the Township likely will not have the 2021 census data for another 2 years.

## **3.) Mill Pond Dam Update**

Supervisor Moreau discussed a Q&A document that was prepared as a result of the public input survey.

Supervisor Moreau noted that the goal for grant funding is 50% and the Township is at 47% grant funding (\$779,835.00). She further noted that the County is finishing up some survey work and finalizing some engineering and discussed roadway improvements and the two-month closure of Davisburg Road.

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> public outreach meeting for the Preliminary Engineering and Conceptual Park Planning phase on Tuesday August 31, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Carousel Hall at the Springfield Oaks Activity Center.

Commissioner Omell asked whether a sidewalk would be installed adjacent to the roadway going over the river culvert. Supervisor Moreau noted that there is not enough space next to the roadway to put a sidewalk there, however, the plan is to allow for an ADA compliant pathway underneath the culvert into Millpond Park.

Commissioner Omell questioned what exactly is wrong with the dam and noted that he has a report from 2017 which states that the dam is okay, but the pipe underneath is collapsing. Supervisor Moreau noted that the dam is not deemed “in critical shape” because there is nothing downstream such that there could be damage to life or property



if the dam were to fail. Supervisor Moreau discussed the camera inspection that was done on the outlet pipe and the damage to the outlet pipe as well as the feasibility studies that were completed and the 8 viable options to either remove or replace the dam and further noted that repairing the dam is not an option. Supervisor Moreau noted that this has been explored extensively but Commission Omell has not been in attendance at the Public meetings.

Commissioner Vallad asked about the status of the DNR dam at the trout pond. Supervisor Moreau noted that they are still in the dewatering process and that vegetation is starting to come back.

#### **4.) Maintenance Facilities and Storage**

Director Richmond noted that the Township made the decision to abandon the planned maintenance and storage facility and opted to utilize the old fire station 1 (700 garage) as a maintenance and storage facility as well as exploring additional storage options at the Hart Center and Schultz Park.

Director Richmond and Supervisor Moreau discussed the exterior cosmetic and interior updates and improvements that have been made to the 700 garage. Supervisor Moreau also addressed the planned site improvements to the 700 garage and discussions that have occurred with the Road Commission regarding improvements to the Eaton/Broadway/Andersonville intersection. Commissioner Vallad complemented the appearance of the 700 garage.

#### **5.) Hartman Property Committee Update**

Director Richmond discussed the improvements to the Hartman Property and ongoing maintenance work as well as the conversations with CN Railroad for the proposed access to the southern portion of the property. An aquatic survey will be taking place in August. Director Richmond also noted the successful application for grant funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 to defer some of the cost of maintenance for the Hartman Property.

#### **6.) Snow Removal Plan for 2021-2022**

Supervisor Moreau summarized the proposed 2021-2022 snow removal plan and the need to assess the cost of outsourcing some of the snow removal rather than Township staff being wholly responsible for snow removal at Township properties. Supervisor Moreau noted that we have begun receiving quotes from All-N-One Lawn Care. Treasurer Dubre asked whether we were going to go out for bids and suggested that the Township should go out for bids rather than relying solely on All-N-One lawn care.



**7.) Civic Center Parking Lot Repaving/Carport Installation**

Supervisor Moreau discussed the repaving of the Civic Center parking lots. Curb work is proposed to begin on August 2, 2021. Paving is proposed to begin August 9, 2021 starting with the lower parking lot and moving to the upper parking lot. There may be a potential one-day building closure as the project is finalized.

**8.) Other Township Projects & Priorities**

Supervisor Moreau noted the pathway extension along Dixie Highway and the discovery of an old, unused septic tank in front of Bowman.

Commissioner Omell asked if there was any update regarding the fire at New York Minute. Supervisor Moreau noted that the investigation report has not yet been received.

Supervisor Moreau noted that a groundbreaking will be occurring soon on a new Jeep Dealership on Dixie Highway across the street from the Feldman dealership.

**9.) Public Comment**

None

**Adjourned:** 6:26 p.m.

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Laura Moreau, Supervisor

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Sean R. Miller, Clerk