

Park & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 31, 2022
Spring Green Municipal Park
North Park Pool Shelter
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Attendance:** David Saperstein called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
Committee members present: David Saperstein, Jennifer Snow, and Debra Miller. Also present was Wendy Crary, Todd Deibert, Brandon Bateman, and Adam Reno
2. **Appoint Minute Taker:** Crary was appointed minute taker.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Motion by Snow, second by Miller to approve minutes from the July 19, 2022 Park & Recreation Committee Meeting. Motion passed with all in favor.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Miller, second by Snow to approve the agenda. Motion passed with all in favor.
5. **Public input/comment regarding Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) for the Village of Spring Green.** Saperstein informed those in attendance that the purpose of this meeting is to receive input from the community for future development and maintenance of the parks for the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Saperstein explained that there are guidelines for the plan and this is to help with developing the document which can be submitted for grants. The committee has reviewed several examples from other communities. A Public Comment Form is available via the Village website. Saperstein invited Bateman to speak at this time. Bateman stated, "I live north of town and during swimming lessons I have discussed with other parents the idea of a splash pad and indoor facility." Bateman continued by explaining that the current facility has accessibility issues and he would like to see a user-friendly facility with an indoor/outdoor splashpad, and indoor eight lane pool. Eight lanes would allow for conference meets to be held in Spring Green. Bateman stated, "This would generate revenue for the local businesses, the high school can rent the pool instead of traveling and renting other pools." Bateman continued, "With an aging in place community this would offer year-round exercise." Bateman also commented, "If this is in place other activities like pickleball, tennis, and basketball could be inside as well." "This creates an attraction for people to move to the community." Bateman suggested possible funding sources for a facility. The committee discussed the financial hurdles for a project of this size. Miller pointed out that local businesses struggle to hire sufficient staff. Miller also explained that the school district discussed an indoor facility and it wasn't feasible. Crary explained that funding for a facility of this magnitude would be impossible under the current levy limits and tax base. The current facility is subsidized by taxes for approximately \$100,000. Saperstein thanked Bateman for his ideas and asked that he submit them on the public comment form. The form can be submitted to the Village Office and a meeting will be scheduled in October to review the completed forms.
6. **Discussion and possible action regarding updating Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) for the Village of Spring Green.** The Park & Recreation Committee will discuss various tasks and responsibilities for the plan at a future meeting. No action necessary regarding this item.
7. **General Public Comment:** There was no general public comment.
8. **Adjourn:** Motion by Snow, second by Miller to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Motion passed with all in favor.