

**Village of Spring Valley, Wisconsin
Municipal Development
June 4, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by committee Chair Lukes

Members Present: Lukes, Erickson, Koch, Bosshart, Emerson

Members Absent:

Others attending for Urban Forestry: Abby Krause, Jay Arneson

Motion to approve minutes

Motion (Koch, Erickson) to approve the agenda, moving Hannack to first item on agenda. Carried.

1. As directed by Village Board at June Appearances, Aaron Hannack was present to present his idea for 55+ housing on north playground since MD is working on that space and is responsible for Village beautification. Aaron would build two twin home buildings, R4 zoning, 55+, approximately 900-1400 sf, HOA. Hannack wants the Village to give him the land and waive the sewer hook-up fees which would be \$4500 per unit or \$18,000, in exchange for putting in a tax base property. MD reminded Aaron that they had an agreement with the school in 2021 that the property would remain a playground for 2-4 years at which time the Board would reevaluate.
2. Abby Krause was present from DNR Urban Forestry Grants program for a kick-off meeting. Abby stated that there was extra money in their fund in 2024 so we were able to get in on the Tree Inventory funding which will be done by Jay Arneson and that group met last week. For Urban Forestry, we're still in a start-up grant, this is our second year, we can have one more year as start-up then would move on to the more competitive regular grant. Uses for the grant money include more planting of new trees and removal of dead or dangerously located trees. Locations identified for planting include south playground, Handy Andy Park, possibly bike path if it can be done as ROW was used for expansion on Van Buren. Funds could be used for private property planting if home owner agrees. Committee will need to see where funding is most needed. July 15th the inventory report comes in so we can schedule another Urban Forestry meeting and we'll know location and species of trees within the Village.
3. South playground was discussed extensively including temporarily repairing some broken equipment until new can be purchased, planting shrubbery along the alley fence line for beauty, privacy, late day shade. Better child-friendly surface, leveling, reading space, swings, central playground structure were included in a successive phase. Due to cost of these items, fundraising was also discussed. Donation system that was used to raise money for Handy Andy playground equipment will be reimplemented. Other fundraisers will be done as well. Use of the north playground as a "Community Square" for local events, music nights, etc. was also brought up, as well as keeping it a playground possibly for a different age group.
4. Budget was reviewed. Budget money remains available for Urban Forestry match and \$3,600 for playground or other needs.
5. Emerson will look into whose responsibility it is to maintain trees on a boulevard or ROW. Emerson will contact Mike Burke from the state to see if we can plant on south side of State Rd 29.

Motion (Erickson/Koch) to adjourn: 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Luann Emerson, Administrator