

**Village of Spring Valley, Wisconsin
Municipal Development minutes
August 18, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by committee Chair Lukes

Members Present: Lukes, Erickson, Koch, Bosshart, Emerson. Jay Arneson for Urban Forestry

Members Absent:

Motion (Koch, Erickson) to approve the agenda. Carried.

1. Jay Arneson reviewed the draft tree inventory report and stated the purpose is to review the species already in the Village and plan for what we can plant to diversify. Emails will be checked to see if we have received a final report yet. Arneson would like to see trees planted along McKay Ave. Municipal Development would like trees at the south playground to coincide with the reimagined playground plan. Arneson will also check with the grant administrator to see if we can purchase trees with this year's grant funds but pick up and plant them next spring; this would stretch our dollars as we can order now in greater quantity for cheaper price but they wouldn't be available until 2026. We won't do a road tour this year, we are all in tune with what needs to be done and Arneson has a good handle on where we're at. MD needs to decide what they want planted and where, then we'll get pricing to see if there will be grant money for us. Lukes will let Arneson know the results of the soil samples that were done. When these things are known, we'll schedule another Urban Forestry meeting and start firming up plans, pricing, tree planting and removal, etc.
2. South playground: needs marketing. Lukes will make a banner for playground fence. A variety of playground equipment was reviewed, Emerson will find out from our attorney if we can sell the used playground equipment, Bosshart will revamp the HA website to include all MD projects being planned at this time.
3. Budget: suggested to increase \$1000 over last year to give MD another \$1000 for parks and other expenses. All other budget items remain the same as previous years. Emerson directed to purchase 1 round picnic table, blue, for south playground to get the project started. After Dam Days the group can get together and start taking down broken equipment, repairing what they can, getting rid of pea gravel and put in wood chips. Arborvitaes can be purchased and planted. FOL plan can be laid out for their reading corner as well.
4. MD will not be doing anything for the Chamber at this time; they are in a state of reorganization.
5. General updates: Lukes has a list of potential CDA members, Emerson stated it would benefit the Village to reenlist one or two of the former members for the committee as they had many years history of the committee, agreements, procedures for business park, Momentum West/Golden Shovel, TID 3 and grant program, etc.

Motion (Erickson/Koch) to adjourn: 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Luann Emerson, Administrator