VILLAGE OF SPARTA SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 19, 2016 (Joint Meeting with Sparta Township and Sparta Recreation Authority) Held at Sparta Civic Center, 75 N. Union St., Sparta MI

- 1. The meeting was called to order by SRA Chair Rob Steffens at 7:00 pm.
- 2. Roll Call: Council persons Gale Taylor, William Taylor, Robert Whalen, Scott Christie, Bonnie Koehn, Kristi Dougan and Village Manager Julius Suchy.

Absent: Jayne Paasch

- 3. Additions or corrections to Business and Consent Agendas: None, Motion by Dougan, second by Whalen to approve the agenda as presented.
- Approval of Consent AND Business Agendas:
 Moved by Dougan, supported by Whalen, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 6-0
- 5. Public Comment for Agenda Items: No public comment
- 6. New Business:
 - A. Recreation Park & Sports Complex Project Update prepared by SRA Kevin Pinckney, SRA board member presented a power point presentation on the SRA history, progress to date, and future options for SRA phasing of the park project.

There was a general consensus that all boards were ok with the proposed construction schedule (phasing) that is based on available funds in the SRA bank. Options were discussed for accelerating the timeline including: joint grant applications, and accelerated cash flow.

The SRA has indicated that it will increase public awareness about the progress of the park as well as fundraising and construction updates. Discussion was held on having update posts to the SRA social media pages and updates in the Sparta Today newspaper. These updates would also provide the proposed timeline as it comes together.

B. The Community Rec Plan that was approved by Sparta Village and Sparta Township expires in 2017 and there will need to be an update in 2016 to comply with state requirements. Mr. Suchy indicated that the Village would be updating their park inventory and information in the Spring/Summer of 2016. Both the Village and Township hold their own public hearings to approve the recreation plan. It was indicated this would be a good time to identify if there was any refining that should

be done to existing language regarding the SRA project in the existing plan now that the plan has advanced quite a bit from the original idea.

7. Public Comment:

Jim Bosserd mentioned that many capital campaigns he has been involved with have built based on available cash flow and sometimes that requires additional phasing to reach the desired goal. The donors to this project are very excited about improving the recreational opportunities that this community has available and they will be happy to see the phasing plans and progress.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by SRA Chair Steffens at 8:35 p.m. by executive privilege.

Julius Suchy Acting Secretary