

**Sparta Recreational Authority**  
Kent County, Michigan  
Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2016  
Sparta Township Office

**Opening**

The meeting of the Sparta Recreational Authority was called to order at 7:01 pm on January 7, 2016, in Sparta Township Office by Steffens, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present**

Maier, Steffens, Cowdrey, Peak, Whalen, Pinckney, Guerra

**Others Present:**

Bergman, Driscoll, Morse, Suchy

**Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2015**

The motion to accept minute was made by Maier, seconded by Pinckney.  
The minutes was unanimously approved as distributed

**Additions and corrections to agenda:**

None: Motion Pinckney : 2<sup>nd</sup> Peak: Motion carries

**Public Comment:** None.

**Unfinished business:**

- A. Presentation by construction committee of Cash Flow Construction Analysis to the SRA with current day situation. Consensus to consider the following requests:
  - a. Ask for Permission from County and by Village for Septic instead of Sewer
  - b. Ask Village to move construction of parking lot to 2019
  - c. Review if DNR grants could be sought by Township or Village
  - d. Request a bridge loan for cash flow purposes
  
- B. Consensus to request Township to explore the Property Acquisition later as other priorities are currently pressing to finish the first phase of construction.

**New Business:**

- A. Request for an audience with the Village Council and Township Board on Tuesday, January 19 as a joint meeting to review the process that brought the park to this point with a brief history, provide current day situation to the boards that include funding and a revised phase 1 construction analysis, and see if any interest for additional municipal assistance for the construction of the park.
- B. Steffens appoints Guerra to the Construction Committee and appoints Christie to the Communication / Operations Committee.

**Committee Reports:**

- 1. **Construction:** Will update the presentation for Jan 19
- 2. **Finance:**
- 3. **Fundraising:** \$1.91M currently
- 4. **Communication/ Operations:** will review draft policies

**Public Comment:** none

**Adjournment by executive privilege.**

Minutes submitted by: Elizabeth Morse