

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Kay Gorham	Board Chair
Butch Copeland	Vice Chair
Tim Roland	Secretary
Phil Gentry	Asst. Secretary
Troy Marsh	Asst. Secretary

Also, present were:

Joe DeCerbo	District Manager
Diane Angell	District Administrator
Joseph Sliva	Utility Superintendent
JJ Pattillo	Utility Foreman

Absent: Bill Nielander, District Attorney, Israel Serrano, Deputy Manager

Residents & Guests

“See Sign in Sheet”

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Kay Gorham called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Upcoming meetings, events, correspondence

A. July 3rd, office closed.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of the minutes from May 13, 2026, for review. There being no further questions.

<p>ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Phil Gentry with all in favor the minutes from May 13, 2026, Board meeting was approved.</p>
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FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Financials

The Board received copies of the May 2026 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Tim Roland with all in favor the financials from May 2026 were approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurer Report

A. Update

The District received a deposit of \$20,555 and collections for the year are General Fund 85%, Lot Mowing 80%, and Village I 92%.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Manager

A. 25 mph speed issue

Kay reviewed her attempts to contact Commissioner Elwell via email and text, and she has yet to get any type of response. She had asked him to attend our meeting to review several issues. County Administrator Laurie Hurner and Assistant J.D. Langford, who attended the meeting, explained the change in speed limit process. The Board was advised to notify County Engineering and request changes. Kay will send an email. Laurie updated the Board on several other projects involving Spring Lake.

B. Updates

There were no questions about the updates. The Board acknowledged that the 10-year anniversary celebration of the ECO Park was a good idea. We will pursue a "Sunset Celebration" at a yet to be determined day in October. Joe discussed the hiring of David Ramba to navigate our upcoming Legislative Appropriation.

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Butch Copeland with all in favor of hiring David Ramba as our lobbyist in Tallahassee.

C. Community Center Rental Fees

Discussion was held on the current community center rental fees. The centers use has declined since the new rates were put in place.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Tim Roland with all in favor of setting community center rental fees to \$100 for residents, \$200 for out of District users, and require a \$200 deposit for all users effective June 17, 2026

D. Digital Sign Advertising

Joe reviewed the briefing, and the Board agreed on future pricing. Since this is considered a public records project, a Resolution with appropriate attachments will be available at the July meeting. In the meantime, staff were given permission to sign up users. There will be a maximum of 10 advertisers per loop, and a minimum of 12 seconds per slot. Prices will be reviewed each year at our August public hearing on rates and fees starting 2027.

ON MOTION by Tim Roland, seconded by Troy Marsh with all in favor of establishing advertising and pricing guidelines for the electronic sign.

E. WWTP RFP

We are just awaiting the final specifications for the unit prior to advertising the RFP.

F. Spring Lake Partners MOU

A brief discussion took place on this item, with no objections.

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Tim Roland with all in favor to accept the addendum to the Developer MOU with New Spring Lake Partners.

G. Resolution 2026-11 No Wake Zone ABC Park

A resolution is required to apply for a no wake zone with the FWC. Resolution 2026-11 was presented to the Board.

ON MOTION by Troy Marsh, seconded by Tim Roland with all in favor Resolution 2026-11 No Wake Zone at ABC Park was approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

First Draft FY '27 Budget (Utility Presentation)

After a presentation by Utility Superintendent Joey Sliva, the Board asked a number of questions about personnel, and the continued use of Pugh Utilities. Kay passed out a paper from the FY'27 personnel notes and stated we would not sustain this continued growth. Last year there was a 16% increase, and this year there is another 5% increase. After more discussion, the Board denied another utility position for FY '27.

Butch presented some opinions about another Parks position, and after much discussion it was decided that we would continue with the current staff, and if it became more evident that we really need another person it can be added at another time in "27 using our Personnel reserves.

These two positions be removed from the second draft, as well as reducing the Pugh line item in water. The Board will still have to consider Capital, R&R, and Unreserved funds, along with funds carried forward, to adjust the assessment.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Parks Master Plan update

Tim Roland showed the audience pictures of the work that is being done at Arbuckle Creek Park. We are still waiting for the permit from the county to begin work on the restroom facility. When the bathroom is complete the park will re-open.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor Requests

Phil Gentry gave a festival update. There are currently 56 vendor spots reserved and 3 food trucks.

Butch Copeland asked about a no animal sign in the playground area of the Bark Park. Joe said that Israel is working on designs to update all the signs at the park.

Butch Copeland asked about the benefits of getting an attorney that would work for an hourly fee, instead of a flat monthly rate.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

Steve Gorham thanked Joesph Sliva and JJ Pattillo for the utility presentation. It was nice to see all the work that is being done.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday July 8, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Second Draft, FY'27 Budget

TWELTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to Adjourn

ON MOTION by Butch Copeland, seconded by Troy Marsh
with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

Kay Gorham, Board Chair

Tim Roland, Secretary