

SPARTAN STORES INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STURKEN CRAIG C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW

(Street)

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
09/04/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 09/04/2007 | | M | | 37,500 A \$ 2.39 | 240,515 | D |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 09/04/2007 | | M | | 4,687 A \$ 3.25 | 244,702 | D |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 09/04/2007 | | S | | 37,500 D \$ 24.85 | 207,202 | D |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 09/04/2007 | | S | | 4,687 D \$ 25.11 | 202,515 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 3,551.93 | I By 401(k) Plan |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.39 | 09/04/2007 | | M | 37,500 | 03/03/2007 03/02/2013 | Common Stock | 37,500 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.25 | 09/04/2007 | | M | 4,687 | 05/12/2007 05/11/2014 | Common Stock | 4,687 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.25 | | | | | 05/12/2008 05/11/2014 | Common Stock | 4,688 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STURKEN CRAIG C C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518 | X | | Chairman, President & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Gordon R. Lewis, attorney
in fact

09/05/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) All of the transactions reported on this Form 4 were executed as part of a prearranged trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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