

STURKEN CRAIG C
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)
05/11/2005

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	05/11/2005		A		56,250 (1)	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					220,682	D	
					1,971.016 (2)	I	401(k) Plan

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.5	05/11/2005		A	4,687	05/11/2006 05/10/2015	Common Stock	4,687
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.5	05/11/2005		A	4,687	05/11/2007 05/10/2015	Common Stock	4,687
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.5	05/11/2005		A	4,688	05/11/2008 05/10/2015	Common Stock	4,688
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.5	05/11/2005		A	4,688	05/11/2009 05/10/2015	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/ Craig C. Sturken, By Gordon R. Lewis, attorney in fact

05/13/2005

__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).

This Form 4 reports the grant of 56,250 shares of restricted stock under the Spartan Stores, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan ("Plan"). These

(1) shares will vest at the rate of 20% each year beginning on May 11, 2005, and will be fully vested on May 11, 2010. Prior to vesting, these shares will remain subject to restrictions in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the grant.

(2) The reporting person also owns 1,971.016 shares of common stock indirectly through a 401(k) Plan.

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