

SPARTAN STORES INC
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 *
Hartline Alan R

(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)
10/15/2008

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)
Exec. VP Merchan. & Marketing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/15/2008		A	590 A	\$ 0 31,033	D	

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)

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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. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.04	10/15/2008		A		283		05/01/2009	10/15/2018	Common Stock	283
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.04	10/15/2008		A		283		05/01/2010	10/15/2018	Common Stock	283
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.04	10/15/2008		A		282		05/01/2011	10/15/2018	Common Stock	282
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.04	10/15/2008		A		282		05/01/2012	10/15/2018	Common Stock	282

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hartline Alan R C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518			Exec. VP Merchan. & Marketing	

Signatures

/s/ Daniel C. Persinger, By Power of Attorney 10/17/2008

**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).

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This Form 4 reports the grant of 590 shares of restricted stock under the Spartan Stores, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan of 2005 ("Plan"). These (1) shares will vest at the rate of 20% each year beginning on May 1, 2009, and will be fully vested on May 1, 2012. Prior to vesting, these shares will remain subject to restrictions in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the grant.

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