

SPARTAN STORES INC

Form 4

May 20, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

05/16/2008

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)

Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person**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)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	05/16/2008		A	44,500	A \$ 0	209,284	D
Common Stock ⁽²⁾	05/18/2008		F	2,280	D \$ 22.69	207,004	D
Common Stock						3,649.611	I By 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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A		21,250		05/01/2009	05/16/2018	Common Stock	21,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A		21,250		05/01/2010	05/16/2018	Common Stock	21,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A		21,250		05/01/2011	05/16/2018	Common Stock	21,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A		21,250		05/01/2012	05/16/2018	Common Stock	21,250

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 and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Daniel C. Persinger, by Power of Attorney
05/20/2008

__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).

This Form 4 reports the grant of 44,500 shares of restricted stock under the Spartan Stores, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan of 2005 ("Plan").

- (1) These shares will vest at the rate of 20% each year beginning on May 1, 2009, and will be fully vested on May 1, 2013. Prior to vesting, these shares will remain subject to restrictions in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the grant.
- (2) These shares were withheld by Spartan Stores, Inc. to satisfy tax withholding obligations incident upon the vesting of shares of restricted stock, the grant of which was previously reported.

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