SPARTAN STORES INC

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hartline Alan R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	Director 100/ Oroman		
C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW			(Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2008	Director 10% Owr _X_ Officer (give title Other (sp below) below) Exec. VP Merchan. & Marketin		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Own			

	Table 1 - Non-Delivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Beneficiary Owned							
2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired	l (A) o	r	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
	any	Code	Disposed	of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(A)		Reported		
						Transaction(s)		
		Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
10/15/2008		A	590	A	\$0	31,033	D	
	(Month/Day/Year)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Code V	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securion Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, Code V Amount	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Code Disposed of (Double) (Instr. 8) (Month/Day/Year) (A) or Code V Amount (D)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price (A) Or Code (D) (D)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2. Transaction Date (A) or (Code (Disposed of (D))) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) Or (Code (Disposed of (D))) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) Or (Code (Disposed of (D))) (Instr. 3 and 4)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Form: Direct 6 any Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Owned Instr. 4) Owned Owned

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		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)	\$ 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 Exec. VP Merchan. & Marketing

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518

Signatures

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

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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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 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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