

SPARTAN STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 15, 2008**

**SPARTAN STORES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as  
specified in its charter)

**Michigan**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-31127**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**38-0593940**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification no.)

**850 76<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.**  
**P.O. Box 8700**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**49518-8700**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code: **(616) 878-2000**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).



**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

As previously disclosed on August 7, 2008, Dennis Eidson's appointment as Chief Executive Officer of Spartan Stores, Inc. became effective October 15, 2008. Mr. Eidson succeeded former Chief Executive Officer Craig C. Sturken. Mr. Sturken will continue to serve as Executive Chairman of the Board.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 21, 2008

SPARTAN STORES, INC.

By

/s/ Alex J. DeYonker

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Alex J. DeYonker  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel,  
and Secretary