

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
January 25, 2016

The meeting of the Park, Recreation & Forestry Board of the Village of Slinger was called to order by Bob Stuetgen at 300 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI 53086 at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 25, 2016 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes delivered to the members on Friday, January 22, 2016.

I. Roll Call & Notice of Meeting:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bob Stuetgen	x	
Jeff Behrend	x	
Jennie Stonehouse	x	
Rick Kohl	x	
John Murray	x	
Eugene Mueller	x	
Gerry Lofy	x	
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Also Present: Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director
 Josh Feller, Recreation Supervisor
 Josh Trame, Parks & Forestry Supervisor
 Margaret Wilber, Treasurer
 Craig Peterson, Disc Golf Course Designer
 Alex Rosner, Boy Scout

Chair Stuetgen informed the members present that the open meeting law had been complied with in connection with the meeting. Notice of the meeting was sent to all who requested same and posted in three public locations.

II. Approval or Correction of Minutes: November 23, 2015

Director Dobson said he had one correction from the November minutes. Dobson said he needed to change the word improved to approved under the field groomer report. A motion was made by John Murray to approve the amended minutes from November 23rd. A second was made by Eugene Mueller. Carried.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Supervisor Trame said that they have removed 32 trees so far as part of the 2016 EAB Action Plan. Trame said they would be grinding stumps and planting new trees in the spring.

B. Little League Update

Director Dobson said that the 2016 little league registration was underway. Dobson said he is looking forward to a revamped league now combined with Richfield, Hartford, Erin and Jackson. Dobson stated that both the girls fast pitch softball and the boys hardball leagues are now combined with other local teams. Dobson said combining with neighboring communities will provide for a better quality of baseball and softball this summer.

C. Ice Rink Update

Director Dobson said that the ice rink currently has very good ice and is getting a lot of use. Supervisor Trame said that the current location has worked out much better than last winter's location at Community Park. Trame said that maintenance of the rink is much easier in this location. Some discussion took place regarding the future of the rink at this location. Director Dobson said he believes this is a great location for the rink now and in the future.

IV. New Business

A. Disc Golf

Supervisor Feller said that they met with Craig Peterson to lay out a disc golf course at Fireman's Park Upper. Feller said he thinks it will be a great addition to an already popular park. Craig Peterson said that he is going to pay for the installation of the course. He also said that he would be receiving help from Alex Rosner who will be using this as his Eagle Scout Project. Director Dobson said he is looking forward to getting this project started this Spring. Dobson said he feels this will really add to the character of this park.

B. EverGreen Lawn Contract

Director Dobson said he would like to renew the contract from EverGreen Property Services for 2016. Dobson said they have been doing excellent work for the parks and their prices are remaining the same in 2016. A motion to renew the contract with EverGreen Property Services was made by Eugene Muller. A second was made by Jeff Behrend. Carried.

C. School Maintenance Contract

Director Dobson recommend renewing the school maintenance contract for 2016. Dobson said the contract would remain at \$12,000 for 2016. Some discussion took place regarding this contract. A motion was made by John Murray to recommend approval to the Village Board. A second was made by Rick Kohl. Carried.

D. Youth Coach Background Checks

Director Dobson said that he would like to use a new service for coaches background checks. Dobson said he is working with an organization called Protect Youth Sports. Dobson said that in the past he has done all youth coach background checks through the Wisconsin Circuit Court Website. Dobson said he would then use the Slinger Police Department if any "Red Flags" were discovered. Dobson said that it is time to work with a company that could do a higher quality background check to make sure we don't miss anything with our potential youth sports coaches. Some discussion took place regarding this program. A motion was made by Jeff Behrend to use Protect Youth Sports in 2016. A second was made by Eugene Mueller. Carried.

E. Brendan's Playground Addition

Director Dobson said that they will be installing a new expression swing at Brendan's Playground this Spring. Dobson said that the original plan was to put in a basketball or baseball climber, however the cost for this piece of equipment was just too expensive. Dobson said that an expression swing is an infant swing with an adult swing attached. It allows the infant in the swing to face their parent and swing together. Dobson said these swings are very popular and he feels that this addition will be great for Brendan's Playground. Some additional discussion took place regarding the playground.

F. Aquatics Contract

Director Dobson said that the contract proposal from Carrico Aquatics has an increase of 5% from last year for a total of \$17,955.00 in 2016. Dobson said they can either renew this contract or take a chance and only buy the chemical as we need it. Dobson said that this contract allows us to use as much chemical as we need to keep this facility in great condition. Some discussion took place regarding the Carrico contract proposal. A motion to renew the 2016 Chemical Contract with Carrico Aquatics was made by Eugene Mueller. A second by Jennie Stonehouse. Carried.

V. Adjournment

Motion made by John Murray to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM. A second was made by Eugene Mueller. Carried.

Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director