

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
May 23, 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, May 23, 2016 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes delivered to the members on Friday, May 20, 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
Jessi Balcom, Village Administrator

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: April 25, 2016

A motion was made by Rick Kohl to approve the minutes from April 25, 2016. A second was made by Eugene Mueller. Carried.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Supervisor Trame said that Johnson's Nursery planted 40 new street trees the first week of May. Trame said we also planted one new park tree at Community Park for our Arbor Day Celebration. Trame informed the board that as the trees begin to bloom we are starting to see more Ash trees being destroyed by the Ash Borer. Trame said that so far over half of all of our Village Ash street trees have been removed. Some additional discussion took place regarding the Ash borer.

B. Beach Report

Supervisor Feller said that cleanup at the beach is underway. Feller stated that the Village water department has been working on the piping at the beach trying to find and fix any leaks. Feller said that the major leak from last year has been repaired, however there is still a small leak in one of the pipes. Feller said that they have done pressure testing on the pipes and the pipes are holding water and air. Feller said they would run the water and the toy pumps soon and continue to monitor the leak and total water usage. Feller said there only seems to be a slight leak when the water toy pumps are running. Feller informed the board that the pond is being filled this week. Director Dobson said they will keep the board updated on the situation at the beach and closely monitor how much water the beach is losing due to any leaks.

C. Little League Update

Director Dobson said that the 2016 little league season is underway and going extremely well so far. Dobson said he is really enjoying the different communities playing in this new league. Dobson said there would still be some issues to work out, but he is looking forward to building this new league.

IV. New Business

A. Dog Park Maintenance Discussion

Director Dobson talked to the board regarding the possible maintenance implications of building a dog park at Fireman's Park Annex. Dobson said his concerns with a new dog park is the added maintenance responsibilities that go along with a new facility. Dobson said the department is already struggling to balance the budget and adding new amenities to the park will only increase cost and staff responsibility. Dobson stated that he believes the perfect location for a new dog park would be at Breuer Homestead Park once that site is ready for development. Dobson said that he would like the board to make a decision regarding the direction to go with the dog park. Dobson said he would like to know if they should move forward with the development of this park or if they should table this discussion until we are able to get more answers with our budget or until we develop Breuer Park. Considerable discussion took place regarding a dog park at Fireman's Park Annex. A motion was made by Rick Kohl to table discussion on a dog park until we begin to design and develop Breuer Homestead Park. A second was made by Eugene Mueller. A roll call vote was taken on this motion with the following results: Yea's: Stuetgen, Behrend, Murray, Lofy, Mueller, Kohl; Nay's: Stonehouse. Motion passed.

B. St. Peter Church Picnic

Dobson said that St. Peter Church is planning a picnic at Community Park on Sunday, September 11, 2016. Dobson said that he would like to waive the rental fee of \$75. Dobson said St. Peter Church is a great partner with the Recreation Department. A motion was made by Jenni Stonehouse to waive the \$75 rental fee. A second was made by Eugene Mueller. Carried.

C. Brendan's Playground Addition

Director Dobson said they installed a new "expression swing" at Brendan's Playground. Dobson said the swing allows a parent to swing at the same time as an infant child. Dobson stated that these swings are becoming very popular and he was looking forward to seeing families enjoy this new addition.

V. Adjournment

Motion made by John Murray to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM. A second was made by Rick Kohl. Carried.

Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director