

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD**  
**August 29, 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, August 29, 2016 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes delivered to the members on Friday, August 26, 2016.

<b>I. Roll Call &amp; Notice of Meeting:</b>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bob Stuetgen	x	
Jeff Behrend	x	
Jennie Stonehouse		x (excused)
Rick Kohl	x	
John Murray	x	
Eugene Mueller	x	
Gerry Lofy		x (excused)
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Also Present:        Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director  
                          Margaret Wilber, Treasurer  
                          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: June 27, 2016**

A motion was made by John Murray to approve the minutes from June 27, 2016. A second was made by Eugene Mueller. Carried.

**III. Unfinished Business**

**A. Forestry Report**

Director Dobson said that they would be replacing six trees at the Slinger Beach with black knot disease. Dobson said that they will also be replacing one Maple tree at Rueckl Park near Brendan's Playground.

**B. Beach Report**

Director Dobson said that the Slinger beach is closed for the season. Dobson informed the board that the last day of the beach was Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Dobson said that they had a very successful year at the beach without any major incidents. Dobson stated that total attendance through July 31<sup>st</sup> was 3,727 and that the most people in one day this season was 259. Dobson said that total revenues as of August 1<sup>st</sup> was \$22,029.00.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Economic Opportunity Analysis**

Director Dobson said that the Economic Analysis was provided to the Park Board as an informational tool. Dobson said he is excited by the fact that the Community views our Parks and Recreation Department as a vital piece to our future growth. Some additional discussion took place regarding the Economic Opportunity Analysis. Trustee Kohl asked that this item continue to stay on the agenda moving forward.

**B. 2017 Budget**

Director Dobson informed the board that the 2017 proposed budget will have quite a few changes from 2016. Dobson said that the proposal for 2017 has Park and Forestry expenses moving back into the Public Works budget. Dobson stated that this makes more sense moving forward because of the cooperation between our departments. Dobson said combining parks

with public works allows us to work together with a larger staff giving us the ability to accomplish more tasks. Dobson stated that as our parks continue to improve and grow we need to be able to have enough staff to work within these facilities. Dobson said he is excited about working with Public Works and believes it is what is best for the future of our park system as well as for the Village.

Dobson said that he will be presenting the Recreation budget to the Village Board in September and bring back our final budget to the September Park Board meeting.

### **C. Beach Roof and Future Plans**

Director Dobson said that the estimate for a new roof at the beach was \$16,250. This does not include \$50 per sheet of OSB if that needs to be replaced. Dobson stated that we have a \$2,500 deductible. Treasurer Wilber said that we received an insurance check in the amount of \$10,740.71. Dobson said the board will need to discuss whether or not to move forward with this repair at the beach. Dobson said it would most likely cost our department between \$6,000 and \$8,000. Dobson said he will have this on our September agenda for a decision.

Director Dobson said it was time to start discussing and planning for the future at the Slinger Beach. Dobson said the current liner is well past its warranty and life expectancy. Dobson stated that he would like to have a plan in place in case something would happen to the current liner at the beach. Dobson informed the board that the State of Wisconsin would not allow us to simply replace the current liner with a new one. Dobson said we were granted experimental pool status back in 2002, however that has since expired. We are now classified as a beach/pond, however replacing the liner would open us back up to State regulations. Dobson said he would like to have a 2-3 year plan in place in case that liner does fail.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the future of the beach. Discussion included the possibility of a splash pad, playground, renovated building and relocation of the ice rink. Dobson said he would get some ideas and bring them back to the board for the November meeting.

### **D. Shed at Rueckl Fields**

Director Dobson said that Slinger Storm would like to build and donate a storage shed at Rueckl Fields. Dobson said that it would be a 16 x 16 concrete slab with a shed. Dobson stated that the shed would be built near the east side of the batting cage and used mostly by our High School girls fast pitch team. Dobson said this shed would allow the high school team to store their equipment separate from recreation department equipment and concession stand supplies. Dobson said this extra storage will open up the current storage room attached to the concession stand. Some discussion took place regarding the shed at Rueckl Fields. Dobson said he would come back to the September meeting with a plan for the shed.

### **E. The Doggy Dip**

Director Dobson said that the last official day at the Slinger Beach would be our Doggy Dip on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Dobson said this event will take place from 4:00 to 7:00 at a cost of \$5.00 per dog.

### **V. Adjournment**

Motion made by Eugene Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM. A second was made by John Murray. Carried.

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Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director