

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD  
January 8, 2024**

The meeting of the Park, Recreation & Forestry Board of the Village of Slinger was called to order by Chairman Stuetzgen at 300 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI 53086 at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 8, 2024 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes emailed to the members on Thursday, January 4, 2024.

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Roll Call &amp; Notice of Meeting:</b> | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |           |
|           | Bob Stuetzgen                             | x              |               |           |
|           | Jeff Behrend                              | x              |               |           |
|           | Jennie Stonehouse                         | x              |               |           |
|           | Rick Kohl                                 | x              |               |           |
|           | John Murray                               | x              |               |           |
|           | Jake Bergum                               | x              |               |           |
|           | Scott Kusta                               |                | x             | (excused) |
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Also Present: Josh Feller, Parks & Forestry Working Supervisor

It was noted that the open meeting law had been complied with in connection with the meeting, including the Notice of the meeting being sent to all who requested it and posting in three public locations.

**2. Approval or Correction of Minutes: 11/6/23**

Motion Murray/Behrend to approve the minutes from 11/6/23. Motion passed.

**3. Public Comments - None**

**4. Unfinished Business**

**A. Forestry Report**

Supervisor Feller said that the Village has received a check for the Urban Forestry grant in the amount of \$13,682.00. Feller stated that they are currently in pruning season and working hard to complete Farmstead Creek. Feller informed the Board that they rented a lift this year to assist with pruning some of the larger trees. Feller stated that staff would continue pruning throughout the winter.

**B. Recreation Report**

Director Dobson said that the youth volleyball league was starting tonight, which is why Supervisor Weninger is not at the meeting. Dobson said that little league registration opened up this week and was going very well. Dobson stated that youth basketball league will begin on Wednesday night and we are also running a youth basketball tournament this Saturday. Dobson said that we have 24 youth teams coming to play this weekend. Dobson also told the Board that our adaptive needs basketball tournament would be taking place at Slinger High School on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Some additional discussion took place regarding the adaptive basketball tournament.

**C. Breuer Park Updates**

Director Dobson said that construction at Breuer Park was on schedule and going very well. Dobson stated that all of the turf was completed and the playground was nearing completion. He noted that hopefully the concession stand building will get started in the next week or two. Dobson showed the Board some images of Breuer Park taken from a drone. Some additional discussion took place regarding Breuer Park.

**D. Dog Park Update**

Jennie Stonehouse said that she spoke with Foerster Signs regarding a rendering for the future dog park. Stonehouse said they can provide a rendering for around \$300 rather than \$2,000 that was quoted from RA Smith. Director Dobson showed the Board an updated design plan for the dog park. Considerable discussion took place regarding possible design and fundraising. Stonehouse informed the Board that the first fundraiser would be held at Brewed Omen in Hartford on Sunday, March 3, 2024 and it would be a bingo fundraiser.

**5. New Business**

**A. Rotary Park Pickle Ball Fence**

Director Dobson said that the pickle ball fence was in at Rotary Park and it looks great. He expressed thanks to the Slinger/Allenton Rotary Club for another generous donation.

**B. Breuer Park naming rights recommendations**

Director Dobson presented the Board with an additional naming rights contract for Breuer Park. Dobson said that HFR Electric offered to increase the ballfield sponsorship from 10 years and \$35,000 to 20 years and \$50,000. Dobson stated that he offered the same option to the other two ballfield sponsors as well. A motion was made by Kohl/Stonehouse to recommend to the Village Board the 20 year \$50,000 naming rights sponsorship to HFR Electric. Motion Passed.

Director Dobson presented all of the other naming rights agreements to the Board. The agreements were:

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| Forte Bank       | Baseball Field          | 10 Years | \$35,000 |
| Hanke Trucking   | Baseball Field          | 10 Years | \$35,000 |
| HFR Electric     | Baseball Field          | 20 Years | \$50,000 |
| Playground       | Ken & Marilyn Reiser    | 20 Years | \$60,000 |
| Concession Stand | Zuern Building Products | 10 Years | \$25,000 |
| Walking Trail    | Westbury Bank           | 10 Years | \$25,000 |
| Batting Cage #1  | On Base Club            | 5 Years  | \$5,000  |
| Batting Cage #2  | Storm                   | 5 Years  | \$5,000  |

Motion Murray/Kohl to recommend approval of naming rights contracts for Breuer Park to the Village Board. Motion Passed.

**C. Community Park Concession Stand lease**

Director Dobson presented the Board with an updated Community Park Concession stand lease with Veracruz LLC. He stated that there are a few changes in this lease. Dobson noted that this lease is a one-year lease which includes three events that require Veracruz to allow other local organizations to use the stand. Dobson said that the three events are the SAA/VFW Brat Fry, Slinger Storm tournament and Slinger On-Base Club tournament. Motion Murray/Behrend to recommend approval of the one-year concession stand lease with Veracruz LLC to the Village Board. Motion Passed.

**5. Other Discussion**

**A.** Next meeting date will be Monday, February 5, 2024.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion Bergum/Stonehouse to adjourn at 6:54 pm. Motion passed.