

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
January 9, 2023

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 9, 2023 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes emailed to the members on Friday, January 6, 2023.

I. Roll Call & Notice of Meeting:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bob Stuetzgen	x	
Jeff Behrend	x	
Jennie Stonehouse	x	
Rick Kohl	x	
John Murray	x	
Eugene Mueller	x	
Scott Kusta	x	
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Also Present: Josh Feller, Parks & Forestry Supervisor
 Scott Stortz, Village President
 Margaret Wilber, Village Administrator

Chair Stuetzgen asked Supervisor Feller if the open meeting law had been complied with in connection with the meeting. Notice of the meeting was sent to all who requested it and was posted in three public locations. Supervisor Feller said yes.

II. Approval or Correction of Minutes: 11/7/22

Supervisor Feller stated that the minutes from November needed a correction made. Feller said that the year referred to in the Forestry Report for the Tree City USA application should be 2022 not 2023. Supervisor Feller said that he would amend the minutes.

Motion Murray/Behrend to approve amended minutes from 11/7/22. Motion passed.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Supervisor Feller said that the Village was awarded a 2023 WI DNR Urban Forestry Grant worth up to \$13,682.96 for a Forestry Management Plan, Tree Pruning/Equipment and Tree Plantings. Feller stated that he would be meeting with Wachtel Tree Science & Service Inc. this week to begin work on the Forestry Management Plan for the village. Feller said he has begun purchasing a variety of new forestry equipment for the department to assist with pruning, planting and removing trees. Feller stated that he and the DPW workers have begun their seasonal pruning, beginning with the Cedar Bluffs subdivision. Feller also said that the village has rented a lift this week to help with the pruning process of the taller/mature trees throughout the village.

B. Recreation Report

Supervisor Feller read the Recreation Report prepared by Supervisor Weninger. The report stated that the department hosted its annual 3rd & 4th grade boys basketball tournament this past weekend, everything ran smoothly and did well in admission and concession sales. As for programs, the department's youth volleyball and basketball leagues are getting under way this week. The Thursday night ski/snowboard lessons are continuing at Little Switzerland. Planning for 2023 Spring/Summer

programs and Rec. Activity Guide has begun. Finally, the 2023 Slinger Little League Registration opened on Friday, January 6. Supervisor Weninger has also begun recruiting sponsors for the Little League teams in all divisions.

C. Breuer Park Phase 2 Update

Supervisor Feller said that phase two for Breuer Park would be going out to bid in early February at the latest. Supervisor Feller stated that staff would be meeting this week with RA Smith to discuss and finalize details for the bidding process. Some additional discussion took place regarding Breuer Park.

D. Outdoor Fitness Course at Rueckl Park Update

Supervisor Feller said that the Slinger Middle School received approval from the School Board for funding to purchase and construct the outdoor fitness course on land currently owned by the Village at Rueckl Fields Park. Feller stated that the Slinger Middle School informed staff that they would like to start construction this spring.

IV. New Business

A. Community Park Downtown Revitalization Update

Supervisor Feller dispersed an early/rough draft of a plan for the revitalization of downtown that includes Community Park. Administrator Wilber then explained some of the items that have been discussed in the Revitalization of the Downtown Area (RDA) meetings. Administrator Wilber stated that there have been rumors that the Village was planning to eliminate Community Park. Wilber wanted to put everyone's mind at ease that Community Park was never going to be eliminated and explained what actually has been discussed thus far pertaining to the park. Some additional discussion took place regarding the possible future improvements to Community Park.

B. Playground RFP Breuer Park

Supervisor Feller stated that Director Dobson recently sent an RFP to six playground vendors in regards to the Breuer Park Playground. The request was very general, letting the vendors propose the theme, colors, etc., with the only real stipulation being that the size of the playground area would be approximately 4,000 square feet. Some additional discussion took place regarding the future playground at Breuer Park.

C. Concession and Storage Buildings at Breuer Park

Supervisor Feller stated he and Director Dobson have met with Zuern Building Products and Four Star Homes to discuss the materials and plans of the concession and storage buildings at Breuer Park. Supervisor Feller said that additional meetings would have to take place for more specific details on the design and the local/state regulations of the buildings.

D. Rotary Park Pickleball Courts

Supervisor Feller stated that Director Dobson signed the purchase agreement for the pickleball Sport Court surface from C&C Courts Inc. Supervisor Feller said the court surface should be ready and installed this spring. Supervisor Feller also said that the department received a \$5,000 sponsorship for one of the courts from the Friends of the Slinger Parks & Recreation LLC. Feller then said that Director Dobson has had discussions of sponsorship for the other pickleball court with another local business as well. Dobson will keep the board updated on that situation. Some additional discussion took place regarding the Rotary Park Pickleball Courts.

V. Other Discussion

- A.** Chair Stuetgen notice that the date for the next meeting was incorrect on the agenda. The next meeting of the Park, Recreation & Forestry Board will be Monday, February 6, 2023.

VI. Adjournment

Motion Mueller/Stonehouse to adjourn at 6:27 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted By

Josh Feller, Parks & Forestry Director