

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
October 2, 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, October 2, 2023 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes emailed to the members on Friday, September 29, 2023.

1. Roll Call & Notice of Meeting:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bob Stuetzgen	x	
Jeff Behrend	x	
Jennie Stonehouse	x	
Rick Kohl		X (Excused)
John Murray	x	
Jake Bergum	x	
Scott Kusta	x	
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Also Present: Margaret Wilber, Village Administrator
 Josh Feller, Parks & Forestry Supervisor
 Dean Ottte, Village Trustee
 Lee Fredericks, Village Trustee

Chair Stuetzgen asked Director Dobson if 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. Director Dobson said yes.

2. Approval or Correction of Minutes: 9/5/23

Motion Murray/Kusta to approve the minutes from 9/5/23. Motion passed.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Supervisor Feller said they are planting 11 new street trees this fall. Feller stated that they have planted a total of 41 new street trees in 2023. Feller informed the board that the plantings will be taking place in mid to late October. Some discussion took place regarding planting additional trees along the ice age trail.

B. Recreation Report

Director Dobson said that the 2023 flag football season would be wrapping up on Saturday. Dobson also stated that fall and winter programs are now open for registration.

C. Breuer Park Updates

Director Dobson said that construction is moving along very well at Breuer Park. Dobson stated that the concession stand building was started along with the final grading of the large baseball diamond. Dobson said that concrete plaza work is scheduled to begin the week of October 16th and the installation

of the ballfield turf is scheduled for October 18th. Dobson informed the board that we would be seeing a lot of moving parts at Breuer Park the next few weeks.

D. Rotary Park dog park update

Discussion took place regarding the confusion on the status of the dog park at Rotary Park. Chair Stuetgen and Jennie Stonehouse suggested making another motion to the Village Board taking out the work “possible” for the dog park at Rotary. Motion Stonehouse/Bergum to recommend to Village Board to designate land for a dog park at Rotary Park. Carried.

5. New Business

A. 2024 Capital Discussion

Director Dobson presented the board with a listed of projects needed in the parks over the next five years. Considerable discussion took place regarding how to prioritize the needs for the parks. Director Dobson said that he would take this list to the Village Board and come back at our November meeting with more clarity on where we stand moving forward.

B. 5 Year Park and open space plan

Director Dobson explained to the board that the current park and open space plan is up to date and expires at the end of 2025. Dobson stated that we are currently eligible for all grant funding from the State. Dobson said they would begin working on an update to the plan in late 2025.

C. Homecoming Tailgate Party

Director Dobson invited board members to the Homecoming Tailgate Party at Community Park on Friday, October 6th. Dobson said there will be music, concessions and vendors at the park from 3:30 to 6:30.

5. Other Discussion

- A. Next meeting date will be Monday, November 6, 2023. Supervisor Feller said we are having a Halloween Decoration contest. Feller said that winners will be announced on our Facebook page. Director Dobson said that Trick or Treat would be Saturday, October 28th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

6. Adjournment

Motion Behrend/Stonehouse to adjourn at 6:33 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted By

Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director