

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
November 6, 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, November 6, 2023 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes emailed to the members on Friday, November 3, 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	
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
Sam Weninger, Recreation Supervisor
Scott Stortz, Village President

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: 10/2/23

Motion Murray/Behrend to approve the minutes from 10/2/23. Motion passed.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Supervisor Feller said that Goetz's Nursery planted the last 11 trees for the year. Feller stated that they planted a total of 40 new street trees in 2023. Feller also informed the board that he recently completed the Village's application for 2024 Tree City USA certification.

B. Recreation Report

Supervisor Weninger said that they are finalizing plans for the 2024 youth basketball tournament to be held at Slinger High School. Weninger also stated that they are currently running Energizers dance classes as well as pee wee hoops, basketball camps, open gym volleyball and basketball. Some discussion took place regarding the possibility of planning some learn to play pickleball class in the spring and summer. Supervisor Weninger said that he would look into getting some classes offered.

C. Breuer Park Updates

Director Dobson said that Breuer Park is moving along extremely well. Dobson informed the board that the artificial turf is being installed this week and looks great. Dobson also said that the concession stand is under construction and the playground equipment is starting to get installed. Dobson said that H&H is wrapping up the final grading and seeding and should be ready to move out by the end of next week leaving them with only minor odds and ends to finish up in the spring of 2024. Dobson said the concrete work in the plaza area was completed late last week. Dobson also said he is working with Tom Lehn from the Slinger Museum on a possible area near the flag pole featuring and highlighting the Slinger Museum. Dobson said they would like to show historic pictures of Slinger sporting events and teams. Some additional discussion took place regarding the final timeline for Breuer Park.

5. New Business

A. Rotary Park Discussion

Chair Stuetgen asked for input from board members regarding some minor vandalism at Rotary Park. Stuetgen mentioned some broken play equipment and things being thrown on the roof of the building. After discussion of signage related to surveillance cameras, the board agreed it would be a good idea to add two new signs letting people know that the park is under video surveillance 24 hours a day. Supervisor Feller also said that he would add one additional sign asking people to put equipment away when they are finished using it.

B. Dog Park Discussion

Director Dobson talked to the board about changing the location of a potential dog park from Rotary Park to Breuer Park. Dobson stated that the Breuer Park location is located on the east side of the park behind the baseball field fence. Dobson stated that park has the potential to be between five and six acres in size with beautiful views of the park. Dobson stated that he feels this is a much better location for a future dog park in the Village. Dobson informed the board that he was meeting with RA Smith on Tuesday morning to discuss a possible layout of this dog park. Jennie Stonehouse said that she has formed a group called the Friends of the Slinger Dog Park. Jennie stated that they had a meeting on October 25th and the group loved the idea of the new dog park location. Jennie informed the board that this group will meet the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 in the Slinger Community room. Some additional discussion took place regarding the dog park location at Breuer Park. A motion by Stonehouse/Bergum to recommend to the Village Board the land on the east side of Breuer Park as a future dog park. Carried.

C. 2024 Capital Improvements

Director Dobson said that they have two projects approved in the 2024 Capital improvements plan. Dobson stated they would be working on the reconstruction of the Fireman's Park parking lot as well as adding security cameras to Breuer Park. Chair Stuetgen stated that he would like to see us do whatever possible to make the restrooms at Fireman's Park ADA compliant. Dobson said that they will work to see if that is possible within the stated budget for the project. Dobson also said that the RDA has budgeted \$20,000 for replacement of two pieces of playground equipment at Community Park. Dobson said the new equipment would include a slide and climber.

D. Tree Lighting

Supervisor Feller said the tree lighting ceremony would take place on Friday, December 1st at Community Park. Some additional discussion took place regarding adding additional lights for the tree.

5. Other Discussion

A. Next meeting date will be Monday, January 8, 2023.

6. Adjournment

Motion Murray/Stonehouse to adjourn at 6:38 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted By

Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director