

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
February 20, 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 5:15 PM on Monday, February 20, 2023 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes emailed to the members on Friday, February, 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
 Sam Weninger, Recreation Supervisor
 Scott Stortz, Village President
 Margaret Wilber, Village Administrator

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.

II. Approval or Correction of Minutes: 1/9/23

Motion Murray/Behrend to approve minutes from 1/9/23. Motion passed.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Supervisor Feller said that staff finished pruning Cedar Bluffs subdivision and are now moving onto American Eagle Drive. Feller said that we would be planting 25-30 new trees throughout the Village this spring with additional plantings in the fall. Chair Stuetzgen asked if we were planting a specific type of tree. Supervisor Feller stated that we are trying to stay away from maples due to the large quantity currently in the Village. Feller said we would be planting a variety of other trees.

B. Recreation Report

Supervisor Weninger said that we currently have 408 kids signed up for the little league program. Weninger stated that he expects our total number to be around 475 by the time the season begins. Weninger informed the board that team are already at 35 teams, while he is expecting around 41 teams total. Weninger said that he is very confident that all teams will be sponsored in 2023. Weninger stated that the next step is securing coaches and umpires. Weninger also informed the board that we are very happy to be sponsored by Chevy Youth Baseball once again in 2023.

Weninger said that the Spring/Summer activity guide will be out to the public in about one month. Weninger stated that they are currently wrapping up basketball and volleyball leagues as well as basketball camps. Weninger also said that we will have some archery classes coming in March.

C. Playground Bids Breuer Park

Director Dobson said they currently have three playground bids proposed for Breuer Park. Dobson stated that he is still hoping to get one more bid in the next week. Dobson informed the board that he would bring all playground options to the March 6 park board meeting for additional discussion.

D. Rotary Park Pickle Ball Courts update

Director Dobson said that two pickle ball courts are set to be installed at Rotary Park in the spring. Dobson stated that each court received a \$5,000 sponsorship for naming rights. Dobson said that one court will be sponsored by the Friends of the Slinger Parks and the other by Zurn's Flooring. Dobson said that each court will have a sponsor logo to show our appreciation for their support.

IV. New Business

A. Breuer Park Bid discussion and possible recommendation to Village Board

Director Dobson said that they only received one official bid for phase two of Breuer Park development. Dobson said one other company submitted a bit past the deadline and a third company decided not to submit at the last minute. Dobson stated that the low bid came from H&H Civil Construction LLC in the amount of \$2,172,928.18. Dobson said that this amount does not include dugouts, concession stand, playground, parking lot paving, concrete work or the storage shed. Dobson said that the additional funds will be used to finish the park by using some local contractors. Dobson stated that he is very optimistic that this project will finish at the projected \$5,000,000 that was budgeted. Dobson said that the current budget does not allow enough funding to provide lights for any of the three ballfields. Dobson said he is looking into other possible options for lighting. Dobson said that lighting all three fields would cost an addition \$900,000. Motion Kohl/Behrend to recommend to Village Board the low bid from H&H Civil Construction LLC not to exceed \$2,400,000 for phase two of Breuer Park. Carried.

B. Adaptive Recreation Basketball Tournament

Director Dobson said that the 2nd Annual Adaptive Basketball Tournament would be this Saturday at Slinger High School. Dobson said that have a total of 48 special needs athletes coming to participate this weekend. Dobson stated that his goal at this point is to spread the word so we can fill the bleachers for these amazing athletes. Dobson said that warmups and introductions will begin at 11:00 on Saturday morning. Dobson also stated that he is hoping to get some media coverage from local newspapers or TV stations to help showcase these athletes.

C. Music in the Park 2023 Schedule

Director Dobson showed the board the 2023 music schedule. Dobson said that all nights have a sponsor and that Ney's Meats and Sweets would be there every week serving great food. Dobson said he is very excited about the 2023 lineup.

V. Other Discussion

A. Next meeting date will be Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

VI. Adjournment

Motion Kohl/Behrend to adjourn at 5:49 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted By

Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director