

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
February 5, 2024**

The meeting of the Park, Recreation & Forestry Board of the Village of Slinger was called to order by Chairman Stuetgen at 300 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI 53086 at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 5, 2024 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes emailed to the members on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

1. Roll Call & Notice of Meeting:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bob Stuetgen	x	
Jeff Behrend	x	
Jennie Stonehouse		x (Excused)
Rick Kohl	x	
John Murray	x	
Jake Bergum	x	
Scott Kusta	x	
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Also Present: Josh Feller, Parks & Forestry Working Supervisor
 Sam Weninger, Recreation Supervisor
 Margaret Wilber, Village Administrator

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: 1/8/24

Motion Bergum/Kusta to approve the minutes from 1/8/24. Motion passed.

3. Public Comments

Lisa Burns, 560 Nordic Court, Slinger talked to the park board about the recent dog park committee meeting. Lisa said that they are working on a rendering of the proposed park to help with fundraising. Lisa also said they are working on fundraising and contacting local businesses to have donation jars for the future dog park. Lisa stated that they have their first fundraiser at Brewed Omen in Hartford on March 3rd. Lisa said this is a bingo fundraiser with all proceeds going to the dog park and the Friends of Pike Lake. Some additional discussion took place regarding possible naming rights and sponsors for the dog park.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Supervisor Feller said that staff will continue to prune trees this week. Feller said that they are hoping to get to Sherman Heights later this week. Feller also said that they removed all downed trees along the ice age trail.

B. Recreation Report

Supervisor Weninger said that they are currently running youth volleyball and basketball leagues. Weninger also stated that they started a new youth basketball camp this past Saturday. Weninger informed the board that our 2024 little league registration was underway with over 250 participants signed up already. Weninger stated that we are off to a very good start with little league.

C. Breuer Park Updates

Director Dobson said that the construction of the concession stand at Breuer Park was going very well. Dobson stated that the entire stand and open-air shelter is up. Dobson also talked about the sponsorship signage going in this spring around the park. Some additional discussion took place regarding signage and what needs to be completed before the park's grand opening in May.

D. Dog Park Update

Some additional discussion took place regarding the added maintenance and future fundraising of the future dog park.

5. New Business

A. New Recreation Program Updates

Supervisor Weninger said that he is working to become a certified pickle ball instructor and would like to offer classes through the department this year. Weninger also stated that we are working on some new basketball camps and possibly an adult softball league. Weninger said that we are trying to increase revenues by instructing more camps on our own rather than paying instructors.

B. Adaptive Basketball Tournament

Director Dobson said that the 3rd Annual Adaptive Basketball Tournament was set for Saturday, February 24th at Slinger High School. Dobson stated that he has five adaptive teams and ten opposing teams for them to compete against. Dobson stated that he is still looking for basketball officials, but everything else is ready to go. Dobson said that the goal in the next three weeks is to promote this event to pack the bleachers for these amazing athletes.

C. Community Park Playground Update

Director Dobson said that the new slide and climber for Community Park should be ready for installation in the spring. Dobson said that we could have Northland Recreation install the playground or save \$3,000 by just having a supervisor from Northland Recreation and using our staff to install the equipment. Dobson said that they were planning on only using the supervisor as long as our crew felt comfortable with the installation process.

5. Other Discussion

A. Next meeting date will be Monday, March 4, 2024.

6. Adjournment

Motion Behrend/Kohl to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted By

Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director