

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD  
March 4, 2024**

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, March 4, 2024 in accordance with the notice of minutes emailed to the members on Friday, March 1, 2024.

<b>1. Roll Call &amp; Notice of Meeting:</b>	<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:

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: 2/5/24**

Motion Murray/Kusta to approve the minutes from 2/5/24. Motion passed.

**3. Public Comments**

None

**4. Unfinished Business**

**A. Forestry Report**

Director Dobson read a report from Supervisor Feller stating that street tree pruning and stump grinding will begin in the next week or so, weather permitting. It was also reported that Supervisor Feller met with Goetz's Nursery to start planning locations of new street trees as well as trees to be planted along our section of the Ice Age Trail and at Breuer Park. Feller reported that tree planting will take place in mid to late April with approximately 30-40 new trees being planted.

**B. Recreation Report**

Supervisor Weninger said that they are still working on little league registration and finalizing the spring and summer activity guide. Weninger stated that he is also working on the music in the park schedule for 2024 and some new programming for spring and summer.

**C. Breuer Park Updates**

Director Dobson said construction on the concession stand is moving along very well. Dobson stated they are hoping the mild weather and temperatures continue so the final touches can be completed. Dobson said they are working on signage for all naming rights sponsors and should have those signs installed in late April or early May.

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**D. Adaptive Basketball Tournament Re-cap**

Director Dobson said the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Adaptive Basketball tournament was a huge success. Dobson said the gym was packed and provided an amazing atmosphere for our adaptive athletes. Dobson said that he is already talking with sponsors and groups about how to improve the event in 2025. Dobson showed the board some pictures from the event and said he cannot wait for 2025.

**5. New Business**

**A. Park Board Structure Revisions**

Discussion took place regarding the current status and structure of Park Board member terms. Dobson presented a document showing the status of current park board members as well as when their terms expire. Dobson stated that a new policy will require a Village Trustee to take over as chair of the board. Dobson stated that Jake Bergum will be taking over as chair at the May meeting. Current chairman, Stuetgen, will remain on the park board.

**B. Friends of the Slinger Parks & Recreation Update**

Director Dobson read a report from Supervisor Feller which said that the Friends agree to hold funds for the dog park fundraising until the Friends of the Dog Park group create their own 501-C3 (6-8 months). Dobson also read that the Friends agreed to graciously allocate funds to our annual Park & Rec. wish list. The total amount donated will be \$11,000. The donation will help the department purchase equipment for tumbling, little league and pickleball as well as new trash cans customized with the Friends logo for Breuer Park. Dobson also read that planning/organizing has begun for the 2024 Calendar of Ca\$h, the Friends largest annual fundraiser, which is affiliated with the Slinger Little League. Discussion included adding additional big cash dates, incentives for most tickets sold and most tickets sold by a team. The next meeting for the Friends is May 14.

**C. Dog Park Rendering**

Jennie Stonehouse showed the board a rendering of the new sign located at our future dog park site. Jennie also talked about a successful first bingo fundraiser. Some additional discussion took place regarding fundraising.

**5. Other Discussion**

Next meeting date will be Monday, April 1, 2024. Some discussion took place regarding fishing rules in the Village as well as when the pickleball courts will be opened at Rotary Park.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion Kohl/Bergum to adjourn at 6:29 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted By

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Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director