

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
April 1, 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, April 1, 2024 in accordance with the notice of minutes emailed to the members on Friday, March 22, 2024.

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:

- Sam Weninger, Recreation Supervisor
- Josh Feller, Parks & Forestry Supervisor

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/Behrend to approve the minutes from 3/4/24. Motion passed.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Supervisor Feller announced that the Village was recognized as a 2023 Tree City USA for the twelfth year. Supervisor Feller stated that stump grinding will begin in the next week or two, weather permitting. It was also reported that Goetz’s Nursery will start planting the new street trees as well as trees along our section of the Ice Age Trail and at Breuer Park in mid to late April with approximately 30-40 new trees being planted. Feller also stated that Forte Bank will donating and assisting in the planting of 10 additional trees at Breuer Park near their sponsored ball diamond. The donation/volunteer planting is for Forte Bank’s annual Community Banking Month, which is April, and they choose Slinger this year. He also mentioned that a local Boy Scout Troop will be assisting in the planting/mulching of trees (approximately 10) along the Ice Age Trail for a community volunteer project. Finally, Feller announced that our annual tree planting for Arbor Day will take place the week of April 22, more specific details will be announced shortly.

B. Recreation Report

Supervisor Weninger said that he is finalizing the spring and summer activity guide, which will be available “On-line” Monday, April 15. Recreation program registration will also open on Monday, April 15. Weninger

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stated that he is also working on creating the 2024 Little League teams, t-shirt orders and schedules. He also noted we are now over 400 participants in Little League, which is down slightly from last year but he expects additional registrations before the start of the season to bring to the total closer to the 2023 total.

C. Breuer Park Updates

Supervisor Feller mentioned that construction on the concession stand is moving along very well and the recent weather hopefully will not hinder its timely completion. Feller then stated that H&H Civil Construction had returned and completed nearly everything pertaining to the batting cages, ball diamonds and the surrounding areas along the walking trail. They will return when they are able (weather determined) to asphalt the remaining sections of trail and the final layer of the parking lot. Feller said that Northland Recreation had completed construction of the playground and all that remains to be completed is the pour-in-place surfacing. In order for that to be done, temperatures must stay above the 50 degree mark for an extend period of time. Feller also said, when that time comes Northland Recreation will return and complete the project.

5. New Business

A. Lawn Maintenance Contract 2024

Supervisor Feller presented the Board with 2024 lawn maintenance contract from Evergreen Property Services. Feller stated that costs remained the same as 2023 for the existing parks and Village properties. Feller said the contract reflected the additional cost of now adding the mowing and fertilizing of Breuer Park and also the removal of mowing Rotary Park, which staff will now do. A short discussion took place.

Motion Bergum / Kusta to recommend the 2024 Lawn Maintenance Contract with Evergreen Property Services to the Slinger Village Board. Motion passed.

B. New Park Board Member

Supervisor Feller announced that a new park board member, replacing outgoing Board member Kohl, will be recommended for approval at the April Slinger Village Board meeting. The new Board member will attend the next regularly scheduled Park Board meeting on May 6. Discussion took place.

6. Other Discussion

Next meeting date will be Monday, May 6, 2024. Some discussion took place regarding moving the date of the June meeting and having a December meeting rather than having a January meeting.

7. Adjournment

Motion Murray/Stonehouse to adjourn at 6:23 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted By

Josh Feller, Parks & Forestry Supervisor