

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
April 3, 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, April 3, 2023 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes emailed to the members on Friday, March 31, 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	
Eugene Mueller		x (Excused)
Scott Kusta	x	
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Also Present: Margaret Wilber, Village Administrator
 Sam Weninger, Recreation Supervisor
 Jim Haggerty, Engineer

Director Dobson made an announcement after roll call that board member Eugene Mueller has resigned from the board effective immediately due to health issues. Dobson stated that he is grateful for Gene’s support and service over the years. Board members also expressed their gratitude to Gene for his years of service to the Village of Slinger.

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: 3/6/23

John Murray made a correction to the 3/6/23 minutes stating the date was incorrect regarding when the minutes were emailed to board members. Dobson said he would make that correction. Motion Murray/Kusta to approve the corrected minutes from 3/6/23. Motion passed.

3. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Director Dobson informed the board that Supervisor Feller was on vacation so he would be giving the forestry report. Dobson said that street tree pruning has been completed along American Eagle Drive, East Commerce Blvd, Farmlane Drive, Backwoods Circle and Sunrise Court cul-de-sac. Dobson also said that three street trees were removed along East Commerce Blvd that will not be replaced due to small terrace locations. Dobson stated that stump grinding will begin this week or next depending on the weather. Dobson also informed the board that new street tree plantings would take place in late April by Goetz Nursery. Dobson said there will be 25-30 new plantings. Dobson said that we will be having our annual Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting on Monday, April 24th. More details will be coming soon. Finally, Dobson stated that monthly brush pick up by the Village started again on Monday, April 3rd.

B. Recreation Report

Supervisor Weninger said that he has completed the 2023 Spring and Summer Activity Guide. Weninger stated that he is hoping to get the guide online and out to the printer this week. Weninger informed the board that they currently have 39 little league teams for this summer and all of them have sponsors. Weninger also stated that they have around 450 kids signed up to play little league this summer.

C. Breuer Park playground bid discussion and recommendation

Director Dobson presented the board with three additional playground bids for Breuer Park. Dobson said that all three bids came from Kompan. Dobson said these three bids now give us proposals from four different playground companies. Discussion took place regarding the playground bids submitted for Breuer Park. Motion Murray/Stonehouse to work with Northland Recreation for the Breuer Park playground not to exceed \$300,000. Motion passed.

4. New Business

A. Breuer Park Pre-construction update

Director Dobson said that a pre-construction meeting was held on Friday, March 31st at the Village Hall in Slinger. Dobson stated that phase two of Breuer Park is scheduled to begin this Spring. Dobson said they are working on finalizing plans for the concession stand and would be meeting later this week to put budget numbers together. Dobson stated that he would have concession stand plans and budget numbers at the May meeting. Dobson said he is also working with local construction workers on the dugouts at Breuer Park. Dobson said the \$420,000 bid for six dugouts was removed from the phase two bid. Dobson stated he is hoping to have plans and budget numbers for the dugouts at the May meeting as well. Considerable discussion took place regarding the ballfield lights at Breuer Park. Dobson said that the Village would need to borrow an additional \$1.2 million to include the ballfield lights in phase two of the project. Additional discussion took place regarding the timing of getting lights on the fields and the possibility of going with a different company for lighting the smaller fields. Dobson said he would bring back additional lighting information to the May meeting.

B. Spring/Summer 2023 activity guide

This report was given under the Recreation Report. (See 3B.)

C. Spring parks maintenance update

Director Dobson informed the board that staff was working hard getting the parks prepared for spring. Dobson stated that we have received many requests for park rentals already this season and that the baseball fields were close to being ready for the season as well.

5. Other Discussion

A. Next meeting date will be Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

B. Some discussion took place regarding the sled shack for Rotary Park.

6. Adjournment

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

Submitted By

Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director