

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
June 5, 2023

The meeting of the Park, Recreation & Forestry Board of the Village of Slinger was called to order by Chairman Stuetzgen at 345 Arthur Road, Slinger, WI 53086 at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 7, 2023 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes emailed to the members on Wednesday, August 2, 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	
Jake Bergum		x (Excused)
Scott Kusta		x (Excused)
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Also Present: Margaret Wilber, Village Administrator
 Dean Otte, Village Trustee

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: 6/5/23

Motion Murray/Stonehouse to approve the minutes from 6/5/23. Motion passed.

3. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

No report.

B. Recreation Report

Director Dobson read the report prepared by Supervisor Weninger. The report informed the board that Little league season wraps up on Wednesday night with our beginners league awards night. Dobson said that overall, there were not many issues throughout the summer. Dobson stated that Supervisor Weninger did an outstanding job this season with little league. Dobson also said that most of our summer programming is wrapping up as well. Dobson stated that Supervisor Weninger is currently working on completing our Fall/Winter activity guide, which should be submitted at the end of August and released to the public in early September.

C. Breuer Park Update

Director Dobson gave the board a tour of the Breuer Park progress. Considerable discussion took place regarding the status of the park construction. Dobson stated that he is extremely optimistic that the ballfields will be complete this Fall. Dobson also said that he is hoping to have the concession stand ready by the Spring of 2024. Dobson informed the board that the playground installation is scheduled for Spring of 2024.

D. Rotary Park dog park discussion

Director Dobson presented board members with a possible layout for a new dog park at Rotary Park. Dobson said that RA Smith designed the proposed plan showing areas for both large and small dogs. Dobson said that he is estimating approximately \$70,000 for chain link fencing as shown in the proposed plan. Dobson said that the \$70,000 of fencing cost does not include the added costs for entrance and maintenance gate. Jennie Stonehouse presented the board with a petition signed by individuals in the area who are in support of constructing a dog park at Rotary Park. Stonehouse stated that she was able to get 659 signatures on the petition. Stonehouse said that she only heard four people say they would be against the dog park in Slinger. Trustee Behrend said the board should consider other wants and needs for the parks department before committing funds to a dog park. Trustee Behrend mentioned ballfield lights at Breuer Park along with a storage shed at Breuer Park. Considerable discussion took place regarding the dog park budget as well as possible maintenance costs. Director Dobson said that he would like some direction from the board at the September meeting. Dobson stated that he would bring an estimated budget number for the construction costs of a dog park. Dobson stated that he would also bring updated costs for installing ballfield lights at Breuer Park. Dobson stated that accurate financial information would possibly help the board make some decisions moving forward.

4. New Business

A. Breuer Park amenity naming rights and recommendations

Director Dobson said that he was happy to report that staff was able to sell naming rights on various Breuer Park amenities. Dobson listed the following businesses for Breuer Park. Hanke Trucking, Forte Bank and HFR Electric would have naming rights on the ballfields. Dobson stated that these rights would be for \$35,000 and ten years on each ballfield. Dobson stated that concession stand naming rights would be going to Zuern Building Products & Design Center for 10 years and \$25,000. Dobson said that the walking trail naming rights would be going to Westbury Bank for 10 years and \$25,000. Dobson also stated that each batting cage would also have sponsorships for 5 years and \$5,000. Dobson stated that one cage would be sponsored by Slinger On-Base Club and the other by Slinger Storm. Dobson informed the board that they were originally asking for playground naming rights for 10 years and \$50,000. Dobson said that he was having trouble finding an interested business at the proposed amount. Dobson informed the board that Ken and Marilyn Reiser have offered to sponsor the playground at a price of \$60,000 for 20 years. Director Dobson stated that he is recommending approval from the board for the playground naming rights. Motion Behrend/Murray to change the playground naming rights to 20 years and \$60,000. Carried.

B. Community Park Concession Stand Lease

Director Dobson informed the board that the lease with WI Piggy, LLC for the Community Park concession stand would expire this fall. Dobson said that he would like to extend the lease to WI Piggy, LLC on a one-year term for \$1,500. Dobson said that the new lease agreement would exclude one night per year and two weekend tournaments per year. Dobson said that on those dates WI Piggy, LLC would have to clear out the stand and allow the Brat Fry, On Base Club and Slinger Storm full use of the concession area. Dobson stated that this would help to make the organizations extremely happy as those dates are very important fundraisers for those organizations. Motion Murray/Kohl to extend the lease under those conditions for one year \$1,500. Carried.

C. Rotary Park Pickle ball fence donation

Director Dobson stated that the Slinger-Allenton Rotary Club would like to donate a fence around the new pickle ball court at Rotary Park. Dobson stated that he has talked to numerous players who all agree with the need of a fence surrounding the current courts. Dobson said he is estimating the cost of the fencing to be between \$11,000 and \$15,000. A motion Murray/Behrend to approve the donation

from Slinger-Allenton Rotary for a fence around the pickle ball courts at Rotary Park. Carried.

D. Activity guide printing discussion

Director Dobson talked to the board regarding the hard copies of the Parks and Recreation Department activity guides. Dobson stated that even if we lower the printed copies to the lowest number of 500 copies, the cost per guide would remain around \$1,317.00. Dobson said that staff has discussed the use of printed activity guides and feels the cost of \$1,317.00 per guide is too high. Dobson said staff is recommending moving to digital activity guides only for 2024. Motion Kohl/Stonehouse to move to digital activity guides only for 2024. Carried.

5. Other Discussion

A. Next meeting date will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023

6. Adjournment

Motion Murray/Stonehouse to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted By

Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director