

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD  
August 24, 2020**

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, August 24, 2020 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes delivered to the members on Friday, August 21, 2020.

<b>I. 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	
Eugene Mueller	x	
Scott Kusta	x	
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Also Present: Tony Dobson, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Josh Feller, Parks & Recreation Supervisor  
Jon Flasch, Superintendent of Public Works and Parks  
Margaret Wilber, Village Administrator

Chair Stuetzgen informed the members present that the open meeting law had been complied with in connection with the meeting. Notice of the meeting was sent to all who requested same and posted in three public locations.

**II. Approval or Correction of Minutes: June 23, 2020**

Motion Murray/Stonehouse to approve the minutes from June 23, 2020. Motion passed.

**III. Unfinished Business**

**A. Forestry Report**

Superintendent Flasch said they did some tree trimming this week. Flasch also stated that they will have some information regarding the Asian Beetle at the October meeting.

**B. Breuer Park Master Plan Update**

Tony Dobson said that they are holding off on finalizing the Breuer Park master plan until we determine if we will be purchasing additional land to the north. Dobson said that they received an offer to sell from the land owner and that the Village Board would be discussing this offer on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Dobson said the plan could change significantly if additional land to the north is purchased.

Dobson informed the board that the Five Year Update open house would be taking place on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in the new DPW garage. Dobson stated that the open house would coincide with the new DPW open house and would take place from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Dobson said that the park board meeting would still take place at 6:00 in the board room.

### **C. Fireman's Park Annex Update**

Tony Dobson said the pre-construction meeting was last week and we're hoping to start in early September. Dobson stated that Burbach Aquatics was waiting on a plumbing permit from the State. Dobson informed the board that a meeting with Burbach Aquatics was scheduled for Tuesday morning. Chair Stuetgen indicated that he would like to see some sort of fire truck or fireman's pole at the new playground. Dobson said he would look into that addition.

## **IV. New Business**

### **A. Welcome new Park Board member (Scott Kusta)**

Chair Stuetgen introduced and welcomed new Park Board member Scott Kusta who is replacing Vanessa Taylir. John Murray also recognized the recent loss of long time Park Board and Community member Gerry Lofy. Dobson said that losing Gerry Lofy was a significant loss to the Community.

### **B. Little League Wrap Up**

Director Dobson said that the 2020 Slinger Little League season has come to an end. Dobson said he was extremely happy with how the season went especially considering the challenges with Covid-19. Dobson stated that they had very few issues during the 2020 season.

### **C. Slinger Storm request to run softball tournament on Village fields**

Dobson informed the board that Slinger Storm was asking to run a softball tournament using four Village fields the weekend of September 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. Dobson said they would be using the two fields at Community Park as well as the two at Rueckl Fields. Dobson also informed the board that Storm has been authorized by the Town of Addison to use the fields in Allenton for games on this weekend. Considerable discussion took place regarding this tournament. John Murray suggested allowing the tournament to be played, but only if waivers were signed indicating parents were making sure kids did not have a fever or any other Covid-19 related symptoms before playing. A motion was made by John Murray to allow the use of Village fields for the Storm tournament as long as waivers were signed by the parents of all players participating. A second was made by Jennie Stonehouse. Passed.

### **D. Preliminary Budget Discussion**

Dobson presented the board with the current budget showing actual expenses and revenues for 2020. Dobson said that he would be meeting with staff the next few weeks to finalize our 2021 budget numbers. Dobson said that he is extremely happy with the current budget numbers considering the amount of revenues lost in 2020 due to Covid-19. Dobson stated that he would have a 2021 proposed budget at the September meeting.

### **E. Community Park Cameras**

Tony Dobson said that the Wifi at Community Park has been installed and the new system is working great. Dobson said Wifi will significantly improve the camera system at Community Park.

### **F. Community Park Trail Progress**

Tony Dobson said that the Community Park Trail is coming along extremely well. Dobson stated that he walked it last week and was extremely impressed and excited for this trail to be completed. Dobson encouraged all board members to take some time to check it out.

### **G. 2020 Flag Football Season**

Josh Feller said that the 2020 Flag Football season was ready to go with some minor rule modifications. Feller stated that they would be running more of a passing league this year with no blocking to limit contact with players. Feller said the numbers are good and that he is looking forward to the season getting started on Thursday.

**V. Adjournment**

Motion Mueller/Kusta to adjourn at 6:38 pm. Motion passed.

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Tony Dobson, Parks & Recreation Director