

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
November 25, 2019**

The meeting of the Park, Recreation & Forestry Board of the Village of Slinger was called to order by Chairman Stuetgen at 300 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI 53086 at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 25, 2019 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes delivered to the members on Friday, November 22, 2019.

I. Roll Call & Notice of Meeting:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Bob Stuetgen	x		
Jeff Behrend		x	(Excused)
Jennie Stonehouse		x	(Excused)
Rick Kohl	x		
John Murray	x		
Eugene Mueller	x		
Vanessa Taylir	x		
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Also Present: Tony Dobson, Director of Parks & Recreation
Josh Feller, Parks & Recreation Supervisor
Jon Flasch, Superintendent of Parks & Public Works

Chair Stuetgen 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: October 28, 2019

Motion Kohl/Murray to approve the minutes from October 28, 2019. Motion passed.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Superintendent Flasch said that a letter has gone out to residents informing them about upcoming tree removals. Flasch stated that the Village would be taking down 25 dead street trees and 15 dead ash trees at Fireman's Park Upper. Flash said that some of the lost trees were due to the polar vortex of last winter. Chair Stuetgen asked if any of the dead trees were under warranty. Superintendent Flash stated that none of the trees were still under warranty at this time.

B. Fireman's Park Annex Project Update

Director Dobson said that staff was able to talk with a number of splash pad designers and operators at our State conference. Dobson said that after quite a bit of discussion we have decided against the hover pad portion of the splash pad. Dobson stated that we want to stay away from any climbing features. Dobson also said that there have been maintenance issues with the surfacing that goes around the hover pad. Dobson told the board that they are now looking into a bucket dumping feature to replace that hover pad design. Dobson stated that he is hoping to have numbers for the board at our January meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Park Rental Fees

Director Dobson informed the board that the park rental fees in Slinger have remained the same for the past five years. Dobson said that they would like to propose a \$25 increase for all parks in 2020. Some discussion took place regarding the increasing costs for maintaining our parks. A motion was made by Eugene Mueller. A second was made by Vanessa Taylir. Carried.

B. Summer Park Program Proposal

Director Dobson informed the board that they would be putting a proposal together for the Slinger School District before and after school care. Dobson said that he is working with the West Bend YMCA to put together a joint proposal that would have the YMCA take the lead during the school year and the Recreation Department take the lead during the summer. Considerable discussion took place regarding the upcoming RFP. Dobson said that he should have additional information at the January meeting.

C. Haunted House Update

Director Dobson said that he met with the Hartford Jaycee's regarding the future of the Haunted House in Slinger. Dobson said that the Jaycee's are up in the air right now regarding whether or not to continue to have the Haunted House at this site. Dobson stated that the group may be looking for a smaller site due to lack of volunteers during the events. Some discussion took place regarding what will happen if the lease is terminated by the Hartford Jaycee's. Dobson said that he is hoping to have an answer from them within the next month.

D. Ice Age Trail Project Update

Director Dobson said he is very excited about the progress made on the ice age trail project. Dobson informed the board that they are working with the Slinger-Allenton Rotary Club and with the High School to make this project a true community effort. Dobson said they are hoping to start the boardwalks this winter. Some discussion took place regarding this new trail development.

E. Tree Lighting

Supervisor Feller said that the tree lighting celebration will be on Friday, December 6th at Community Park at 5:45. Feller said that Santa will be coming again this year and that the lighting of the tree would begin around 6:00 PM. Feller said that hot apple cider and hot chocolate will also be available.

V. Adjournment

Motion Murray/Mueller to adjourn at 6:32 pm. Motion passed.

Tony Dobson, Parks & Recreation Director