

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD

April 8, 2019

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 8, 2019 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes delivered to the members on Friday, April 5, 2019.

I. 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	
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Also Present: Tony Dobson, Director of Parks & Recreation
Jessi Balcom, Village Administrator
Margaret Wilber, Treasurer
Josh Feller, Recreation and Aquatics Supervisor
Jon Flasch, Parks, Public Works and Forestry Superintendent
Dean Otte, Village Trustee

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: February 25, 2019

Motion Murray/Mueller to approve the minutes from February 25, 2019. Motion passed.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Superintendent Flasch said that 18 new street trees were planted this past weekend. Flasch stated that eight more trees will go in this weekend if the weather cooperates. Flasch told the board that we will be planting 20 additional trees in late April from Johnson's Nursery.

B. Slinger Beach Renovation Update (Burbach Aquatics)

Director Dobson introduced Josh Layer from Burbach Aquatics. Dobson stated that Josh was here to answer any questions the board had regarding a potential splash pad in Slinger. Josh presented a potential time line, which showed possible construction beginning in October of 2019 and project completion in December of 2020. Discussion took place regarding maintenance issues and current operating costs at the Slinger Beach. Dobson stated that revenues at the facility have dropped every year since 2015 and that it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the facility. Treasurer Wilber presented the board with a financial performance breakdown of the Slinger Beach the past four years. Director Dobson informed the board that the Slinger Beach currently operates with a loss of approximately \$68,818 per year when staff cost is included. Dobson said that without staff cost the beach operates with a loss of approximately \$41,603 per year. Additional discussion took place regarding a possible splash pad in Slinger. A motion was made by John Murray to recommend moving forward with phase two of this plan to the Village Board. A second was made by Eugene Mueller. Motion Carried.

C. Little League Update

Director Dobson said that the 2019 Slinger little league season was moving forward very well. Dobson said that nearly 500 kids are signed up to play in Slinger this season, which is up from last year. Dobson stated that coaches meetings will be

held next week with practice beginning the last week of April. Dobson was very happy to report that every team in our league is sponsored for the 2019 season.

IV. New Business

A. Carrico Aquatics Chemical Contract Renewal

Director Dobson presented the board with the 2019 chemical contract proposal from Carrico Aquatics. Dobson said that the contract was the same as it was for the 2018 season at \$18,500. A motion to recommend approval of this contract to the Village Board was made by Rick Kohl, a second was made by Eugene Mueller. Motion Carried.

B. Evergreen Lawn Maintenance Contract Renewal

Director Dobson presented the board with the 2019 lawn maintenance contract from Evergreen Properties. A motion to recommend approval of this contract to the Village Board was made by Eugene Mueller. A second was made by Jeff Behrend. Motion Carried.

C. Food Truck Ordinance Discussion

Director Dobson said that he would like to waive the \$100 fee on the solicitors permit for food truck vendors at Village events. Dobson said it is difficult to get food trucks to smaller events and waiving that fee could help to make our local events more appealing. A motion to recommend approval of this amendment to the solicitors permit to the Village Board was made by John Murray. A second was made by Jennie Stonehouse. Motion Carried.

D. Breuer Park Farming Lease

Director Dobson presented the 2019 Breuer Park farming lease to the board. Dobson said that the year fee was lowered from \$300 per year to \$150 per year. Dobson said the reason for the change was due to top soil being placed on a portion of the land, which caused them to lose some of their crop in 2018 and provides them with less land to farm. A motion to recommend approval of the 2019 Breuer Park farming lease to the Village Board was made by Jeff Behrend. A second was made by Eugene Mueller. Motion Carried.

E. Spring and Summer Activity Guide

Supervisor Feller said that the 2019 Spring and Summer activity guides were delivered to the Village Hall today. Feller said that he is very excited about the new guides which are offering many new activities, special events and programs. Some discussion took place regarding the newest activity guide.

V. Adjournment

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

Tony Dobson, Parks & Recreation Director