

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD
August 27, 2018

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, August 27, 2018 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes delivered to the members on Friday, August 24, 2018.

I. Roll Call & Notice of Meeting:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Bob Stuetgen	x		
Jeff Behrend	x		
Jennie Stonehouse	x		
Rick Kohl		x	(Excused)
John Murray	x		
Eugene Mueller		x	(Excused)
Gerry Lofy		x	(Excused)
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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
Josh Trame, Parks, Public Works and Forestry Superintendent

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: July 23, 2018

Motion MurrayBehrend to approve the minutes from July 23, 2018. Motion passed.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Superintendent Trame said that there was very minimal damage from the storms. Trame stated that there was only one large limb down from a street tree. Director Dobson said that Trame has been very helpful getting our staff ready to take over Forestry when he leaves.

B. Beach Report

Supervisor Feller said that June was a very slow month at the beach. Feller said that weather was less than ideal, which led to lower attendance. Feller stated that July's attendance increased significantly aided by warm and dry weather. Supervisor Feller said that our total revenues as of August 1st was \$16,225, which is down from \$20,837 at this time in 2017. Feller stated that he was short staffed most of the summer, but very happy with the work and effort of this year's lifeguards. Feller informed the board that he would have a more accurate knowledge of our total water use at the September meeting.

C. Fireman's Park Beach Facility Study

Director Dobson presented the board with some budget numbers for the maintenance of a possible splash pad in the Village. Dobson said he received his numbers from Jackson who is currently operating a splash pad at Hickory Lane Park. Dobson stated that in 2014 Jackson used approximately 328,400 gallons of water and had a maintenance cost of \$3,208 for the year. Dobson informed the board that on average the Slinger Beach loses approximately \$75,000 to \$85,000 per year. Director Dobson presented the board with some pictures taken this summer of the Jackson splash pad. Dobson informed the board that each time he went to the splash pad the use was incredibly high. Dobson also presented pictures of the Slinger Beach on those same days showing much lower attendance. Considerable discussion took place regarding the possibility of a splash pad one day replacing the pond.

Motion Murray/Behrend to move forward with design and cost estimates of a splash pad with Burbach Aquatics. Motion passed.

IV. New Business

A. 2019 Budget

Director Dobson said he is currently working on the 2019 Budget. Dobson said he will bring completed budget proposal to the September meeting.

B. Born Learning Trail Update

Director Dobson said the Born Learning Trail at Rueckl Park is complete. Dobson said he was very happy with how this project turned out. Dobson thanked Legendary Whitetails, Heartland Construction, J.H. Hassinger, United Way and the Slinger Staff for making sure this project was a success. Dobson said it was a great addition to the park and to Brendan's Playground.

C. Music in the Park

Director Dobson said that our first music in the park featuring Jacob Olson was a great success. Dobson said we had a great turnout and had many compliments about this event. Dobson said he is excited to be having our second music in the park this time featuring Derek Sallmann on Wednesday, August 29th. Dobson encouraged board members to stop down to enjoy a great night.

D. Movie on the Hill

Supervisor Feller said that the Movie on the Hill was very successful. Feller said he counted 71 people for this event. Feller stated that he would like to do this again next year and possibly have some food trucks and events for kids before the movie.

E. New backstop at Rueckl Field Small

Superintendent Trame informed the board of the new backstop being installed at Rueckl Fields small diamond. Some discussion took place on his project. Trame said that he hoped to have this project completed by later next week.

F. Parks, Forestry Position Update

Director Dobson said that we currently have one applicant for this position. Dobson said he does know of a few other people who have called to ask questions and may be applying. Dobson said he would keep the board updated on the hiring process.

The board expressed their sincere appreciation for the hard work and efforts of Superintendent Trame the past ten years. The board was extremely grateful and wishes Trame and his family the best of luck with their new adventure.

V. Adjournment

Motion Murray/Stonehouse to adjourn at 6:50pm. Motion passed.

Tony Dobson, Parks & Recreation Director