

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD**  
**September 24, 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, September 24, 2018 in accordance with the Notice of Minutes delivered to the members on Friday, September 21, 2018.

<b>I. Roll Call &amp; Notice of Meeting:</b>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Bob Stuetgen	x		
Jeff Behrend	x		
Jennie Stonehouse		x	(Excused)
Rick Kohl	x		
John Murray	x		
Eugene Mueller	x		
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  
Jim Haggerty, Village Engineer / Director of 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: August 27, 2018**

A correction was made by President Stuetgen to add Josh Feller and Josh Trame to the minutes. Motion Murray/Kohl to approve the corrected minutes from August 27, 2018. Motion passed.

**III. Unfinished Business**

**A. Forestry Report**

Director Dobson said that Urban Forestry grant application for 2019 has been turned into the DNR. Dobson also stated that they have turned in all of the needed paperwork for Tree City USA in 2019. Dobson informed the board that they would be planting 18 new trees in the Farmstead Creek Subdivision in the next couple of weeks. Dobson said that they would begin removing the last of the Ash trees this winter. Dobson informed the board that after 2019 all Village Ash street trees will be removed.

**B. Beach Report**

Supervisor Feller presented the board with the final 2018 Beach report. He stated that attendance for the 2018 season was up, however revenues were down from 2017. Supervisor Feller stated that revenues were down due to more season passes being sold and less daily pass revenues. Supervisor Feller said he was very happy with his lifeguard staff this season. He said they were a good mix of a few veterans with quite a few rookie guards. Supervisor Feller informed the board that the beach is currently fully drained due to a broken pipe needing to be repaired and that the pipe was above the liner so it was not a significant issue.

Supervisor Feller said that the swimming lesson program had a great year. He stated that private lessons were a huge success this season. Supervisor Feller said that 116 Village residents and 56 non-residents registered this year for a total of 172, up from our total of 135 last year.

### **C. Fireman's Park Beach Facility Study**

Director Dobson said that he was been working with Burbach Aquatics putting together ideas for a possible splash pad. Director Dobson said they are hoping to plan a Slinger themed splash pad. Some of the ideas being talked about are a race track, ski hill and sports themes. Director Dobson said he is hoping to have a more detailed plan for the October meeting.

### **D. 2019 Budget Update**

Director Dobson said that the 2019 budget went to the Village Board for review last week. Director Dobson said that very few changes are being made from the 2018 budget. He said they are very pleased with the 2018 budget with record revenues in many areas. Some discussion took place regarding the 2019 budget.

Motion Mueller/Murray to approve the proposed 2019 budget. Motion passed.

### **E. Parks, Forestry Position Update**

Director Dobson said they interviewed five very good candidates for the open position. Director Dobson informed the board that staff's recommendation will go to the Village Board on October 1<sup>st</sup> for possible approval.

## **IV. New Business**

### **A. Fall / Winter Activity Guide**

Supervisor Feller said the Fall and Winter Activity guide is ready to go. Supervisor Feller said it will be on the website and to the schools tomorrow. Supervisor Feller talked about the new guide and reviewed some of the new programs for 2018 / 2019.

### **B. Spooky Slinger Halloween**

Supervisor Feller said that we are making some changes to the Halloween Party this year. He stated that the event will be on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Community Park. Trick or Treat will be from 5:00 to 7:00. Supervisor Feller said that this year will feature a new Spooky Glow Challenge course along with our traditional costume contests and DJ. He stated that the glow course would open at 6:30 PM.

## **V. Adjournment**

Motion Murray/Mueller to adjourn at 6:31pm. Motion passed.

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Tony Dobson, Parks & Recreation Director