

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD June 2, 2025

The meeting of the Park, Recreation & Forestry Board of the Village of Slinger was called to order by Chairman Bergum at 345 Arthur Road, Slinger, WI 53086 at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 2, 2025 in accordance with the notice of minutes emailed to the members on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

1. Roll Call & Notice of Meeting:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bob Stuetgen	x	
Jeff Behrend		x (Excused)
Jennie Stonehouse	x	
Becky Wojtak		x (Excused)
Dawn Smith	x	
Jake Bergum	x	
Scott Kusta	x	
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Also Present: Margaret Wilber, Village Administrator

It was noted that the open meeting law had been complied with in connection with the meeting, including the notice of the meeting being sent to all who requested it and posting in three public locations.

2. Approval or Correction of Minutes: 5/5/25

Motion Stonehouse/Stuetgen to approve the minutes from 5/5/25. Passed.

3. Public Comments - None

4. Unfinished Business

A. Forestry Report

Director Dobson said that Supervisor Feller was currently working a Special Olympics baseball practice and could not attend the meeting. Dobson said that forestry is very quiet the next couple of months. Dobson said they will be taking down some dead trees in right of ways later this month.

B. Recreation Report

Director Dobson said that Supervisor Van Maanen was unable to attend meeting due to getting little league games going. Dobson said we are in an extremely busy part of our season. Dobson stated that little league is in full swing. Dobson also reminded the Board about Breuer Family Fun Day, which will take place on Saturday, June 28th at Breuer Park.

C. Breuer Park Open Space Discussion

Board members toured Breuer Park to discuss the current status of the park as well as possible future planning. Considerable discussion took place regarding a new storage shed with restrooms, pollinator gardens, volleyball courts, basketball courts, additional paved trails, picnic tables and green space. The Board also discussed the upcoming parks and open space plan, which would begin in 2026.

D. Rotary Park updates and future planning discussion

Some discussion took place regarding Rotary Park and any possible additions to the park. Bob Stuetgen mentioned the possible addition of putt putt golf as well as a chess or checkers table.

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E. Fireman's Park trail to restrooms and paving

Director Dobson informed the Board that the paving at Fireman's Park failed the proof roll last week. Dobson stated that this required the contractor to haul out some existing fill and bring in fresh new stone. Dobson stated that the additional work will cost just over \$16,600.00. Dobson said the additional cost will still leave the total project cost considerably under budget. Dobson said \$150,000 was budgeted to complete this project with a total final cost of around \$64,000.00. Dobson said that they will be paving the parking lot tomorrow at Fireman's Park. Some additional discussion also took place regarding a possible rustic trail from the parking lot to the restroom area. Board members decided to hold off on any decisions regarding this trail until after we meet at this park in August.

5. New Business

A. Arboretum Discussion

Some discussion took place regarding a possible trail in the arboretum. Dobson said they are working to set up a meeting with developer Kevin Zimmer to discuss this project. Chairman Bergum asked if this is a project that could be completed in-house with our staff. Dobson said he was optimistic that this could be done in-house. Dobson said that he set up a meeting with Kevin Zimmer in the near future to discuss this project.

Other Discussion

Chairman Bergum asked Board members for their opinions on Bird City USA. Some discussion took place regarding Bird City USA.

Motion Stuetgen/Stonehouse for the Village to pursue becoming a Bird City USA Community. Passed

Jennie Stonehouse reminded the board that the Friends of the Slinger Dog Park would be hosting their appraisal event on Saturday. Stonehouse also informed the board of some exciting publicity for the group with some appearances on local news stations.

Next Meeting Date Monday, August 4, 2025

Chairman Bergum reminded Board members that we will not have a July meeting and that we will be having our August meeting at Fireman's Park.

7. Adjournment

Motion Smith/Stonehouse to adjourn at 6:49 pm. Passed

Submitted By

Tony Dobson, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director