BRIGGS & STRATTON CORP

Form 8-K October 18, 2012

STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 17, 2012

BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin 1-1370 39-0182330

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

12301 West Wirth Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53222 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (414) 259-5333

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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ITEM 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 17, 2012, the Board of Directors of Briggs & Stratton Corporation unanimously elected Henrik C. Slipsager as a director of the company effective upon conclusion of the board meeting held on October 17, 2012. Mr. Slipsager succeeds Michael E. Batten, who retired as a director on October 17, 2012.

Mr. Slipsager will serve as a member of the class of directors whose terms of office expire in 2014. Mr. Slipsager will be a member of the Nominating & Governance Committee.

Mr. Slipsager's compensation, including the compensation plans that he is eligible to participate in, is described in the proxy statement for the company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the caption "Corporate Governance Director Compensation."

A copy of the press release announcing the election of Mr. Slipsager is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated October 17, 2012

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: October 17, 2012 /s/ David J. Rodgers

David J. Rodgers

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Duly Authorized Officer

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