

GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD

Minutes for the December 19, 2016 meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Town Hall, 111 N. Broad Street in Griffith, Indiana by President, Tim Diamond. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

Tim Diamond - John Dudliceck - Scott Muffet

Leah Dumezich, Pat Schaadt and Al Markut were absent.

Scott Muffet made a motion to approve the November 14, 2016 minutes. John Dudliceck seconded the motion; all approved. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tim Diamond announced that the January 9, 2017 Park Board meeting will be held at 7 PM. A study session will be held at 6 PM before the meeting; one will follow if necessary.

He reminded residents to call 911 if any graffiti, damage, or questionable behavior is seen in any of the town parks.

General comments regarding the Parks Department or bike paths can be directed to griffithparks.@griffith.in.gov

Tim Diamond reported that applications are still being accepted for the vacant position on the Park Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Tim Diamond stated that he had received a request for a wedding at Central Park. We are working on the specifics with the Town Council. He is working with Al Markut and the Town Council to develop a better method for keeping the park booking calendar.

He also remarked that a resident had let us know that the air conditioner above the concession stand was left running. This has been taken care of and there will be a talk with the baseball group about being more responsible.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report: John Dudliceck presented the claims in the amount of \$21,783.59 (Twenty-one thousand seven hundred eighty-three dollars and 59/100). John then made a motion to accept the claims as presented; Scott Muffet seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Park Superintendent: no report

School Board: Leah Dumezich was absent, but John Dudliceck reported that a water main had broken at the high school and it flooded. School will be on a two-hour delay tomorrow.

GSEC – On hiatus

Senior Center – no report

Neighborhood Spotlight Report – Tim Diamond announced that Neighborhood Spotlight had their meeting last Monday to reveal their Quality of Life Plan. He is not clear as to what the next direction will be for the Neighborhood Spotlight but may be in discussion with the Legacy Foundation. His team will be reconvening in January on the Park & Recreation aspect for goals and action plans. John Dudlicek suggested that if we ever get a crowd at one of our meetings, Tim should give a short presentation. Tim explained that he had worked on the Park Master Plan and would like to present that. His team was compromised of a police officer to address the safety concerns, a soccer mom to give input on school activities, a member of the tree commission for the beautification of the parks and someone from the “Y” to deal with activities for various age groups.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

1. In regard to the baseball field drainage problem, information has been sent out for bidding. We will be executing one of the finalized bids we received.
2. Pop Warner Field Lighting – The Board has received proposals for the lighting at South Park. Because it used to be a baseball field, improvements need to be done for the facilities there.
3. Baseball Field Lighting and Softball Field Lighting – Additional details are required so these items are tabled for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

1. RFI Central Park Playground – John Dudlicek informed us that he met with the NuToys Company regarding the new playground at Central Park. Scott, John and Leah had met with this company to hone in on the details. The total cost will amount to more than they had thought so the project will need to go out for public bid. CDBG funds will be used and we will need to hire professional services for this work. John made a motion that the Park Board put out a request for proposals for engineering services for the Central Park playground improvements. Scott Muffet seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.
2. Ice Skating Rink – The Park Board has looked into creating a more detailed skating rink, but for now a new liner has been ordered, and it should be coming in soon.
3. Fencing – We have some proposals for replacing fencing and straightening and painting posts but this item will be tabled for now.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

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None

Meeting was adjourned by President, Tim Diamond at 7:17 pm.

Diane Kujawa
Recording Secretary