

## **GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD**

### **Minutes for the October 10, 2016 meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 -Al Markut, Park Supervisor -Leah Dumezich, School Board Liaison

Gina Smith and Pat Schaadt were absent.

Tim Diamond made a motion to accept the September 12, 2016 minutes and the September 26, 2016 minutes of the special meeting. Leah Dumezich seconded the motion; all approved. Motion passed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Tim Diamond announced that the November, 2016 Park Board will take place at 6:00 pm; our regularly scheduled meeting will follow at 7:00 pm with a follow-up meeting after the regularly scheduled meeting 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](mailto:griffithparks.@griffith.in.gov)

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Tim Diamond stated that Valerie Wotkun asked if there was anyone to water the mums in the downtown area as the girl who did the watering is going back to school .Al Markut replied that when they get a chance they will get to it. He will be keeping one of the college kids on as he had someone off for a few months. He then commented that it is imperative that he cuts the soccer field at least once a week. However, one week it rained and another week he couldn't cut because of watering. Al then replied that the field is in good shape. John Dudliceck then asked if the soccer field should not be watered on Wednesday, and Al replied that he doesn't want them to water at all. Tim Diamond said he would speak with Brad Lucas, who is involved with Griffith soccer, regarding this problem. Al also said that he plans on getting the last bleachers out as soon as the ground firms up.

### **REPORTS:**

Treasurer's report: John Dudliceck presented the claims in the amount of \$6,977.15 (Six thousand nine hundred seventy-seven dollars and 15/100). John then made a motion to accept the claims as presented; Leah Dumezich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Park Superintendent: Al Markut reported that everything is going pretty well. He noted that part of the claim amount was for a major repair on one of the mowers and stated that he and his crew successfully made it through Oktoberfest. Leah Dumezich commented that the park looked good. Al stated that he was informed that he could start work on the grass in the park earlier this year as there no other activity scheduled.

School Board: Leah Dumezich extended congratulations to the Griffith football team on their win against Andean.

GSEC – No report

Senior Center – No report

Neighborhood Spotlight Report - Tim Diamond explained that he is working on the Park and Recreation goals and plans for the Quality of Life Plan and there will be a presentation done in December. Leah Dumezich then added that the kick off for this Neighborhood Spotlight program is a scavenger hunt called Discover your Neighborhood. The information can be downloaded to you phone from the Discover your Neighborhood Facebook page. The hunt leads to 15 locations in Town. Raffle prizes will be given out from 1-3 pm on Sunday, with the contest running from last Friday through this Friday at 8 pm.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:**

Tim Diamond asked Al Markut if the door hinges have been replaced at Cheever Park restroom. Al replied that they have been replaced but that someone had pulled the sink form the wall and he had to anchor it. He let the police know that there have been damages in the bathroom there.

#### **NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:**

DVG Planning and Engineering Proposal – John Dudlicek reported that we have received a proposal from DVG, the engineering firm out of Crown Point which has done sports fields in the area. They will help us in getting a plan for each park. The object is to review the existing conditions versus our proposed conditions with costs for each park. John Dudlicek moved to accept the proposal in the amount of \$1600.00; Tim Diamond seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

1. Tim Diamond reported that the request for use of the softball field by Illinois Fire was reviewed and discussed with the members of the Town Council. He added that there had been no reference to field lighting. Kevin Shepard, who was in the audience, stated that if the team needed lights he will add that to the contract and take care of the monthly bills. He also added that he would cut the grass during the week and treat it; he understood that Griffith Girls' Softball would get first use of the field. Mr. Shepard stated that he can't cut Cheever but he will treat the infield and remove the weeds if he gets approval to use that field. He then inquired what the Babe Ruth plan was regarding the lights. Tim Diamond will review how that was set up and let legal review it. He will then fine-tune the document and get with the Town Council. Mr. Shepard suggested figuring a daily use schedule for lights Leah Dumezich then asked if there are Griffith girls on the team; Kevin responded that there are 12 girls on the three different teams. John Dudlicek wanted to know if the use of the fields would be required every year. Mr. Shepard replied that it would be. John then said that the contract could be revised next year as necessary. He also added that a list of desired improvements should be kept for the DVG proposal.

#### **NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Leah Dumezich commented that the Oktoberfest was a great success. Many families attended, and a lot of volunteerism went into this event. Al Markut added that the people running Oktoberfest did a great job. Tim Diamond then stated that over the winter he would like to discuss a property maintenance plan to repair the parks after all the events.

Meeting was adjourned by President, Tim Diamond at 7:25 pm.

Diane Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

