

GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD

Minutes for the November 9, 2020 meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Town Hall, 111 N. Broad Street in Griffith, Indiana by – Tim Diamond. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

-John Dudlicek, School Board Liaison -Tony Terzarial -Tim Diamond -Al Markut(Absent) -Dan Perez(Absent)-Mike Patterson(Absent), -Jim Marker, Town Council Liaison

John Dudlicek made a motion to accept the September 14th, 2020 minutes. Tony Terzarial seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Claims in the amount of \$98,660.27 Numbered 30922 – 30946 were presented. Tony Terzarial made a motion to accept the claims as presented. John Dudlicek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tim Diamond announced that the next Park Board meeting will be held on December 14, 2020 at 7 pm. A study session will occur at 6 P.M., and a follow-up meeting will take place after the regularly scheduled meeting if needed.

He reminded residents to please call the police non-emergency number at 911 if any graffiti, damage or questionable behavior is seen in any of the Town parks.

General comments and questions regarding the parks or bike path can be directed to g Griffithparks@griffith.in.gov

CORRESPONDENCE:

Tim Diamond stated with the help of the Softball Board Member they resolved the issues with the Scoreboard and it has been fixed at no cost

Tim Diamond states there has been a request for lights at the Pickle Ball Courts so they will work on getting that taken care of.

Tim Diamond states that there were two trail counters approved, the county covers 80% of the cost.

Tim Diamond states that the confusion with the Colby bench plaque on Broad by Franklin that has been going on for over a year, is in the works on being resolved

Tim Diamond states that a group of volunteers are working on a firefighter themed Little Library for the fire station.

Tim Diamond stated that he wants to give a shout out to Sarah Dillard and a group of softball girls in regards to picking up trash voluntarily at Central Park. He also stated that they held a small race there at the Park, staying away from any busy streets.



Park Superintendent: Al Markut reported as follows:

- Repaired and painted wishing well in Central Park
- Planted mums @ Memorial
- Filled some low-wet areas on South Trail
- Built new landscape islands on Colby Trail
- Repaired bench on Broad and painted
- Memorial grass coming back..GREAT!
- Lots of people carving edges of picnic tables at Central Pavilion- needs to be patrolled- can't continue to be a hangout for people who have to much time on their hands.
- Another sink destroyed at Cheever, that makes 2 sinks and a toilet.
- Lined up softball light to be fixed
- Cleaned up along fence in yard- Great Job!
- Fertilized at South playground & soccer area pavilion
- Softball banners should come down on Broad St.
- Keeping up with leaves
- 10 trees planted
- Islands on Broad St. cleaned up.
- Flower pots ready for the winter
- More trees mulched on trail
- Sprinklers at Central Park have been shut off
- Washrooms will remain open until weather breaks.

School Board Liaison's Report: John Dudlicek reported the following:

1. Jason Jaques and Emily Conner have been voted in as our new School Board members. Congratulation to the both of them.
2. There has been a rise in Covid cases and the board will be discussing how to deal with that going forward at their next meeting due to some staff quarantining issues.

Imagine Griffith: Dan Perez reports as follows:

Dan Perez is was not present to give this report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

Tim Diamond went over the items of unfinished business:

1. Working on obtaining license from Nipsco to avoid moving workout equipment at Panther Park
2. CBG funds to be used for the Memorial Walk remodel, need to get a proposal.
3. Tree's have been planted on trails and at Firefighter Park.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

After discussion of the Park Boards future John Dudlicek motions to publicly advertise for the position of a new Park Board Director. Park Board seconds Motion and Motion is carried.

This motion allows Al Markut to step back and oversee things and help as much as he can. Anyone is able to apply for this position.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

The meeting was adjourned by Tim Diamond at 7:26 p.m.

Attested:

