

Griffith Park and Recreation Board Minutes February 2023

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

The following members attended the meeting:

Tim Diamond — President, Dan Perez, Emily Conner — School Board Liasian

Sue Hoes — Absent, Tony Terzarial - Absent

Minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were tabled till the March meeting.

Member Dan Perez made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$17,034.71, Member Emily Conner seconded the motion, Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next park Board meeting will be March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7pm. A study session will be held at 6pm before the meeting and one will follow if necessary.
2. Reminder to residents that if anyone sees any graffiti, damage or questionable behavior in any of the town parks, please call 911.
3. General comments and questions regarding the parks or bike path can be directed to [griffithpark@griffith.in.gov](mailto:griffithpark@griffith.in.gov)

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**REPORTS:**

**Park Superintendent: Rich Powell**

Rich Powell reported they have done tree cleanup and are currently refinishing the picnic tables.

**School Board Liaison's Report**

Emily Conner reported Charlottes Web is February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

**Imagine Griffith**

Valerie from Imagine Griffith reported they have 2 new volunteers, Garage Sale will be May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Spring cleanup will be May 25<sup>th</sup>, 47 Christmas trees were sponsored with 4 still not paid and Imagine Griffith is asking for \$2,000 to purchase flowers.

**Finance Report: None**

**Business From The Board**

Dan Perez made a motion to purchase 2 new trucks for the parks department not to exceed \$35,000.00 each, Emily Conner seconded the motion, Motion Carried.

**Unfinished Business**

**Grant/Tot Park**

Tim Diamond stated they are working on engineering and hoping to start the project in the fall.

**Business from the floor**

Kyle from the Griffith Youth Baseball asked about the plans for baseball fields. Kyle sent Tim quotes regarding some work that the Griffith Youth Baseball would like to have done to get the fields in better condition for the upcoming season. Tim stated that it would cost between 1.5 and 2 million dollars to gut the fields and start from scratch. Tim stated he reached out to Steve McDermott to look at the concession stand for safety concerns but did not hear back from him. Tim stated the park department is looking at a possible bond in the next 2-3 years to help address the Griffith Youth baseball concerns regarding the fields. Kyle stated the season starts in April or May and Fall ball will start in August.

Marco from the Griffith Girls Softball stated the lease will start March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the new president Aaron will come in to sign the lease. Water will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May till October.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26p.m.

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Tim Diamond, Park Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Kinach", written over a horizontal line.

Jackie Kinach, Recording Secretary