

Griffith Park and Recreation Board Minutes May 2023

May 8th, 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, Tony Terzarial, Emily Connor

Member Emily Conner made a motion to approve the April 10th, 2023 Minutes, seconded by Member Tony Terzarial, Motion carried.

Member Dan Perez made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$17,543.70 Member Emily Conner seconded the motion, Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next park Board meeting will be June 12th, 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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Tri Kappa will be doing a Ribbon Cutting on June 3rd at Woodland Park with reading events, refreshments and a Girl Scout presentation.
2. Handball Tournament for May 20th has been postponed.
3. NIRPC has issued the Town a grant for the bike trail amenities and will be using it for new benches.
4. Izak Walton Playground replacement to get quotes to put in new playground equipment.

Reports

Park Superintendent: Rich Powell

Rich Powell reported they have been mowing, trimming and spending a lot of time AT Central Park regarding the sprinkler system that was damaged during the remodel. Rich stated that they are trying to figure out who is responsible for the replacement of the sprinkler system. Rich stated no one from the Park Board or the Park Department was invited in the planning of the renovations to get any input. Rich was contacted from someone that helps Veterans to do a fundraiser, 5K and Festival at Central Park on September 3^{0th}, 2023. Tony stated they need to come to a meeting with the Park Board to discuss the detail of the event. Rich discussed the tree inventory and a new program that helps educate employees regarding different type of trees and the maintenance regarding trees.

School Board Liaison's Report

Emily Conner stated there is only 17 days of school left and the School Board will hold a public meeting on May 18th at 6pm regarding the bond.

Imagine Griffith

Imagine Griffith reported the town wide garage sale is coming up and they have over 80 houses signed up.

Finance Report

Tim Diamond stated everything looks good.

Business From The Board

Unfinished Business

Tot Park

Tim Diamond stated everything is going good and they talked about drainage and handicap detail along with ADA. A majority of everything will be done this year but totally finished in 2024.

New Business

Handball Tournament Alcohol Permit has been postponed.

Business from the floor

Unfinished Business

Baseball Field Condition Assessment – Baseball President stated they all love the new field and they have gotten a lot of comments from other that have stated the field looks great. He wanted to thank the Park Board for helping them.

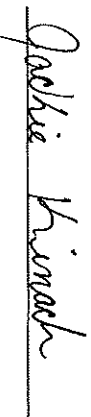
Marco Martinez from Griffith Girls Softball stated they are hoping to get a sponsor to purchase a new tractor that came in over \$21,000. They are still in need of a screen dragger and hoping the Park Board can help with leftover money from a grant. Tony stated to get a quote for a new dragger and send it to the Park Board.

Don McCarver asked what the current balance is for the Park Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33p.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