

Griffith Park and Recreation Board Minutes June 2023

June 12th, 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 May 8th, 2023 Minutes, seconded by Member Dan Perez, Motion carried.

Member Emily Connor made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$32,129.88 Member Tony Terzarial seconded the motion, Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next park Board meeting will be July 10th, 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 did a Ribbon Cutting on June 3rd at Woodland Park which ended up being a fantastic event.
2. A request to rent out Central Park for a Fitness Event was referred to the Town Council.
3. Yoga in the park will be moved to Woodland Park on Monday evenings.
4. Tai Chi will start in Woodland Park as well.
5. The Griffith Vest stated there is a lack of lighting at Central Park by the playground.
6. Tri Kapp would like to pay for a half of a drinking fountain on the bike trail.
7. Lakeshore PBS contacted the parks regarding Central Park and was referred to the Town Council.
8. The Park Board accepts the resignation of Jackie Kinach as Recording Secretary.

Reports

Park Superintendent: Rich Powell

Rich Powell reported the new truck is built and ready just waiting on transportation to delivery. The Parks Department has been trimming trees along the bike trail and water grass at Central Park.

School Board Liaison's Report

Emily Conner stated Griffith school will be providing free lunches during the summer at Beiriger Elementary School. Breakfast will be served between 8-8:30 and lunch is served between 11:30-12. They will have the groundbreaking for the Trish Dodson addition on June 21st.

Imagine Griffith

Imagine Griffith reported the town wide garage sale was a success and the next meeting will be June 22 at 6:30pm at Franklin Center.

Finance Report

Tim Diamond stated everything looks good.

Business From The Board

Unfinished Business

Tot Park

Tim Diamond stated bid packets are sent out and due June 19th at 4pm.

Tree Consortium

NIRPC will be helping replenish the Tree Canopy in Lake County.

Bounce House Follow Up

The Parks Board agreed the best route would be having one designated area in each park to set up Bounce Houses. Tony Terzari made a motion to make that a rule with the rental agreements, Tim Diamond seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

Emily Connor made a motion to change the fee to discount Central Park Pavilion rentals and additional \$50.00 due to no power and until electrical services are restored. Tony Terzari seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Business from the floor

Briann from 4202 N Harvey asked the board if she can start a rock snake. After discussion of best placement the board gave her approval to start the rock snake at Woodland Park. Dan Perez made a motion to start the rock snake at Woodland Park, Tony Terzari seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Griffith You Baseball would like an extension from September 1st to October 31st for fall ball. Dan Perez made a motion to accept the extension, Tony Terzari seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m.

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Tim Diamond

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Tim Diamond, Park Board President

Jackie Kinach

Jackie Kinach, Recording Secretary

