

Griffith Parks and Recreation Board Minutes November 2023

November 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm 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, Dan Perez, Tony Terzarial, Emily Conner

Absent: Daniel Rodriguez

Member Emily Conner made a motion to approve the October minutes, second by member Tony Terzarial, motioned carried.

Member Daniel Perez read the claims in the amount of \$35,364.02. Member Daniel Perez made a motion to approve the claims; member Emily Conner second the motion, motion carried.

Announcements:

1. The next Park Board meeting will be held December 11, 2023, at 7pm. A study session will be held at 6pm before the meeting and one will follow in 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 or questions regarding the parks or bike path can be directed to griffithpark@griffith.in.gov

Correspondence:

Reports:

Park Board Superintendent: Rich Powell

Parks Department is working on mulching, trimming and trees. Vandalism at Firefighters Park. Vandalism at Central Park which also includes charcoal dumps and pouring grease on new concrete. There are issues when people drop off items at the pavilion and drive through the park to the exit by the baseball concession stand. Damage at South Park north bathroom, mud being tracked through the pavilion and not cleaned up, and using the pavilion when it has been rented out, all during Pop Warner practices. Noted to discuss with Pop Warner in February when they sign the lease. Rich asked who is in charge of the senior center. He would like clarification if this falls under the responsibility of the parks supervisor.

School Board Liaison's Report

Member Emily Conner

Culinary students going to senior center to host a dinner. The high school play was this past weekend and had a great turn out. November 16th is the strategic planning meeting for Griffith Public Schools.

Imagine Griffith

Val Wotkun will be staking 40 trees on November 15th for business to decorate. Imagine Griffith will not be putting wintergreens in the flower pots.

Tree Committee

No Report

Finance Report

No Report

Business From the Board:

Unfinished Business:

Grant/Tot Park: Tot Park Project has begun.

Youth Baseball Project: Tony Terzarial is meeting with SportView on April 9th to assess the fields for redevelopment of the existing fields. Week of April 15th, Tony Terzarial and John Dudlicek will be meeting with a gentleman in Crown Point who has been instrumental in installing synthetic surface fields in Northwest Indiana area, including the Griffith High School football field.

New Business: Last year, a light pole fell down at the Babe Ruth baseball field. Tony Terzarial made a motion to accept a proposal from Austgen Equipment for donation of a light pole and \$1800 for installation. Tina Adams second the motion. Motion carried. Tony Terzarial made a motion to accept a proposal from Midwestern Electric for \$7986.00 to move an existing light fixture from South Park (Pop Warner section) to Babe Ruth field and change the voltage to be consistent with other lights. Rich Powell may have a proposal for \$5786.00 on his desk. He will check and report back to the board. Dan made the motion to approve the Midwestern Electric proposal up to the amount \$7986.00, with the amount to be checked. Tina Adams second the motion. Motion carried.

Daniel Perez made a motion to accept bid from Lochmueller Group for the Woodland Park playground equipment not to exceed \$3000. Tony Terzarial second the motion. Motion carried. Jill DiTommaso from Lochmueller Group is project manager. Jill requested the proposal to be signed to get the project started. Tim Diamond will sign the proposal once he is back in town.

Tony Terzarial reported that he is looking into prices of holiday decorations of Christmas swag from one side of Broad Street to the other.

Tri Kappa donated money to the parks department for the purchase of a dog water bubbler on the bike trail on Wiggs Street. Public Works will put the labor out to bid to install.

Business from the floor:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm

Tree Committee

Tim Diamond reposted committee received a tree list from BF&S. They are currently working on tree data, tree inventory and official name for the committee.

Finance Report

Tim Diamond

On target with the budget for the year. Tim Diamond is going to follow up with Gina Smith on the discrepancy in the budget for parks supervisor salary.

Business From the Board:**Unfinished Business****Grant/Tot Park**

November 16th is the bond closing. Tim Diamond notified Precision Construction that they have been chosen Tot Park project and will be hired once the bond passes.

New Business

Tony Terzarial is getting together volunteers to hang lights and wreaths on light poles. They will be decorating the large tree at Franklin Center instead of Central Park.

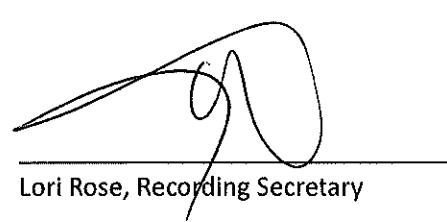
Business from the floor:**Unfinished Business**

None

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm



Lori Rose, Recording Secretary



Tim Diamond

Tim Diamond, President Parks Department