

Griffith Parks and Recreation Broad Minutes February 2024

February 12, 2024

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, Dan Perez, Tony Terzarial and Rich Powell

Absent: Tina Adams, Dan Rodriguez

Elections: Dan Perez nominated Tim Diamond as President, Tony Terzarial second the motion. Motioned carried. Tony Terzarial nominated Dan Perez for vice president, Tim Diamond second the motion. Motioned carried.

Member Dan Perez made a motion to approve the November minutes, second by member Tony Terzarial motioned carried.

Member Tony Terzarial read the claims in the amount of \$18,343.78 for December claims. Member Tony Terzarial made a motion to approve the claims; member Dan Perez second the motion, Motion carried.

Member Tony Terzarial read the claims in the amount of \$45,081.76 for January claims. Member Tony Terzarial made a motion to approve the claims; member Tim Diamond second the motion, Motion carried.

Member Tony Terzarial read the claims in the amount of \$13,893.92 for February claims. Member Tony Terzarial made a motion to approve the claims; member Dan Perez second the motion, Motion carried.

Announcements:

1. The next Park Board meeting will be held March 11th 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:

The Griffith Public Library will have a monthly story time one Saturday a month at Woodland Park. Tri-Kappa will be having the Story Walk again this year. Will change the story once a month. First story will be May 18th.

Kyle Hect from GYB asked if they can early access to the baseball fields. Dan Perez motioned to start contract on March 1st. Tony Terzarial second the motion. Motioned carried.

Tim Diamond contacted NIPSCO, asked if they can plant pollination plants instead of trees along the bike trail.

Reports:

Park Board Superintendent: Rich Powell

Rich Powell reported:

Refinishing picnic table tops. Worked on shoveling snow. Ordered a second truck and was approved.

Shipment is taking longer than expected because of UAW strike.

School Board Liaison's Report

Member Tina Adams: No Report

Imagine Griffith

Val Wotkun report: Had 40 Christmas trees and received many generous donations. Will shop for animal shelter next week with funds donated. Imagine Griffith has four new members. Also looking for more people who would like to take part in the Adopt-A-Spot. Next Imagine Griffith meeting is February, 22nd at 6:30 in the Franklin Center.

Tree Committee

Tim Diamond report: Tree Committee name is now Griffith Environmental Advisory Committee.

Tentative planning on meeting the 4th Tuesday of the month. They are currently working with NWITC for information on how to start the tree planting committee.

Looking at the Daby app for tree inventory. Will need to find out more details how the app works with other software, if they can utilize. Looking into grants to offset the cost of trees for the tree committee.

Finance Report

Tim Diamond No Report

Business From the Board:

Unfinished Business

Grant/Tot Park:

Funding completed. Infrastructure construction will begin in the middle of February. Tony Terzari motioned to on a general services agreement with BF&S, not to exceed \$68,500. Daniel Perez second the motion. Motioned carried.

New Business:

Bond process has been completed and received matching funds for Tot Park.

The baseball diamonds at Central Park will be next project.

Tony Terzari motioned for engineering and architectural expenditures for the Central Park baseball fields in the amount \$116,550. Daniel Perez second the motion. Motion carried.

Woodland Park, will be replacing missing from playground equipment before inspection.

Firefighter Park: IT will be installing new cameras. Need to address damage to soft surface at the playground.

Business from the floor:

Unfinished Business

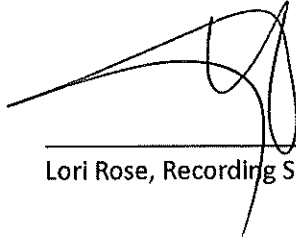
New Business

Marco Martinez, vice president of Griffith Girls softball is requesting:

-upgrade all the locks at the fields and giving Rich Powell a key

- Switch out 4 picnic tables with reconditioned picnic tables by May 1st
- Leasing contract to be March 15th – October 31st.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm



Lori Rose, Recording Secretary

Tim Diamond

Tim Diamond, President Parks Department