

Griffith Parks and Recreation Board Minutes April 2024

April 8, 2024

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

The following members attended the meeting:

Dan Perez, Tina Adams, Tony Terzarial, Rich Powell

Absent, Tim Diamond, Dan Rodriguez

Member Tony Terzarial made a motion to approve the March minutes, second by member Tina Adams motioned carried.

Member Tina Adams read the claims in the amount of \$25,390.43. Member Tina Adams made a motion to approve the claims; member Tony Terzarial second the motion, Motion carried.

Announcements:

1. The next Park Board meeting will be held May 13, 2024 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

Rich Powell reported: Completed refinishing 123 picnic table for the upcoming season. Stared to replace the boards on the benches on the bike trail. Winter equipment put away, summer equipment has been served and ready to use. Two benches will be installed at the volleyball court.

Rich requested from the board to put three trucks and two mowers to be put in the police auction. Dan Perez made a motion to allow Rich Powell to put three trucks and two mowers in the police auction. Tina Adams section the motion. Motion carried. All summer help has been hired.

School Board Liaison's Report

Member Tina Adams reported: The Boneyard Bulletin has been mailed to all households in Griffith. The bulletin is being written by the students from Griffith High School.

Imagine Griffith

Report: Will be planting town flowers the first week of May and asking for coordination with parks department. They prefer flowers that do not attract bees. Rich will authorize payment once flowers are chosen. Town wide garage sale is May 16-19th. There is a large trash pick up day on May 23rd to discard unsold items. Adopt A Spot has list of volunteers they are maintaining. Rich is coordinating with Imagine Griffith a date to deliver mulch to the Adopt A Spot areas.

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.

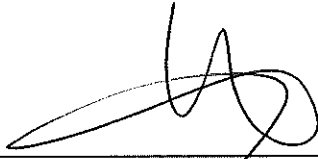
Tri Kappa donated money to the parks department for the purchase of a dog water bubbler on the bike trail on Wiggs Street. Public Works will put the labor out to bid to install.

Business from the floor:

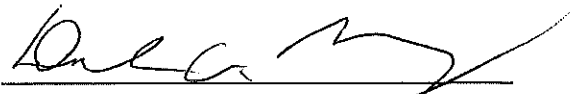
Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm



Lori Rose, Recording Secretary



Daniel Perez, Vice President Parks Department