

## Griffith Parks and Recreation Broad Minutes March 2025

March 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at the Town Hall, 111 N Broad Street, Griffith, IN by President Tim Diamond. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The following members attended the meeting:

Tina Adams, Tim Diamond, Tim O'Brien, Daniel Perez

Member Tina Adams made a motion to approve the February minutes, second by member Tim O'Brien, motioned carried.

Member Daniel Perez read the claims in the amount of \$24,286.82 and made a motion to approve the claims; member Tina Adams second the motion, Motion carried.

### Announcements:

1. The next Park Board meeting will be held April 14th 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](mailto:griffithpark@griffith.in.gov)

### Correspondence:

Handball Tournament at Cheever Park on June 7<sup>th</sup>

The board received a notice from NIRPC that they have an invasive tree replacement program.

There are two species of invasive trees that they will provide for free, trees for so they can be replaced.

There have been several inquiries on rental of Tot Park. The Park Board will be working with Town Council to get an update on the ordinance to be able to allow Tot Park to be rented.

### Reports:

#### Park Board Superintendent

Rich Powell reported been repairing picnic tables and baseball benches. Restrooms will open May 1<sup>st</sup> and water fountains open May 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### School Board Liaison's Report

Member Tina Adams girls wrestling team spoke about their season, Tiffany Ulman and Danielle Azcona spoke how they worked together to get food to students during school cancellation.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held for toddlers thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade, kindergarten registration date, move forward with aquatic center. Next school board meeting is this Thursday, study session at 5, board meeting at 6pm.

#### Imagine Griffith

No report

**Tree Committee**

No Report

**Finance Report**

Tim Diamond stated we are early in the budget and it looks good.

**Business From the Board:****Unfinished Business****Youth Baseball Field Grant/Projects**

No word from DNR on the status on our grant. Waiting to see if we get approval of the grant to decide how to proceed with the project.

**Babe Ruth Field Lighting**

Lighting project is complete.

**Cheever Park Light Pole Retirement**

NIPSCO is rewiring the 4 poles that are left from the replacement project.

**Tree Inventory**

The board is looking for a grant to decide if they want to do a parks tree inventory or if they would be able to do a whole town tree inventory.

**New Business:****Youth Sports Agreements**

Daniel Perez made a motion to authorize Tim Diamond to enter into the sports leases for the Town of Griffith, second by member Tina Adams, motioned carried.

Daniel Perez made a motion to add credit to Griffith Youth Baseball for not being able to use the lighting last season, second by member Tim O'Brien, motioned carried. At the conclusion of this meeting, Daniel Perez has the leases for the town club presidents to sign.

**Pickleball resurfacing:**

The Board made an agreement with Perma-Seal to resurface the pickleball courts. Must wait until the weather is dry and warms up before the resurfacing can begin. The courts will not be able to be used for 5-7 days. Once the dates of resurfacing have been scheduled, a public notice will be published.

**Business from the floor:****Unfinished Business**

The company that is working on Babe Ruth field is evaluating lighting of softball field. The board has received one quote to get an estimate of the price and what the updating entails. The company working with the Babe Ruth field can give more of a design assessment of the current lighting. They will present

the board with two proposals. One proposal will be for replacing the lighting and the second proposal is for replace poles and lights with redesign of lighting.

**New Business**

The Tree Committee created a list of town tree recommendations. The list also includes trees that are invasive and not utility friendly. More information on native trees can be found at the Morton Arboretum website.

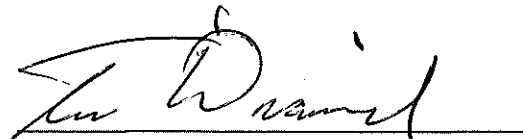
Tim Diamond made a motion to adopt the tree list, have town council make an ordinance on the trees and post the list to the town website. Second by Daniel Perez, motioned carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm



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Lori Rose, Recording Secretary

  
Tim Diamond, President Parks Department