

## Griffith Parks and Recreation Broad Minutes April 2025

April 14, 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:

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

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

Member Tony Terzarial read the claims in the amount \$54,214.46, and 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 May 12th 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 June 7<sup>th</sup>. As the host of the handball tournament, the board would like to apply for an alcohol permit for the day. Tim Diamond made a motion to contact town council and apply for the alcohol; member Tony Terzarial second the motion, motion carried.

### Reports:

#### Park Board Superintendent: Rich Powell

Rich Powell reported that they started mowing and cleaning up areas. All trucks and mowers have been serviced. One of the current mowers they have is 6 years old. Rich asked the board if a new mower could be purchased in the amount of \$10,948. Tony Terzarial made a motion to purchase a lawnmower in the amount of \$10,948; member Dan Perez second the motion, motion carried. Rich asked about alternatives to memorial benches within sports organizations. Rich brought up that he has noticed at Cheever Park pavilion that there is lots of bird droppings on picnic tables. He asked the board for suggestions how to get rid of the birds to alleviate the mess

#### School Board Liaison's Report

Tina Adams reported school board meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> broke ground for aquatic center. Summer school K-5 at Wadsworth.

**Imagine Griffith**

Dan Perez reported Spring Town Wide Garage Sale May 15<sup>th</sup>- May 18<sup>th</sup>. To sign up to be on the, contact [info@imaginegriffith.org](mailto:info@imaginegriffith.org). Town flower planting is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> weather pending. All the adopt a spots have been claimed.

**Tree Committee:**

Tree committee representative spoke of information she had found that can be shared with the general public.

**Finance Report**

Tim Diamond 90% in the budget. Board will receive funds in June.

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

The state has approved the first part of the DNR grant. The next step is to have it move onto the federal level for approval. One approval letter is received, the board can move forward with the project.

**Babe Ruth Field Lighting:**

All lighting has been completed.

**Cheever Park Light Pole Retirement:**

Poles have been retired and rewired. Project has been completed.

**Tree Inventory:**

Tim Diamond spoke with Highland; they used a grant they received from Lake County to plant trees throughout the town. Once funding has been received to create the tree inventory, Lake County Commissioner is inquiring who will be responsible to maintain the tree inventory.

**Pickleball resurfacing**

None

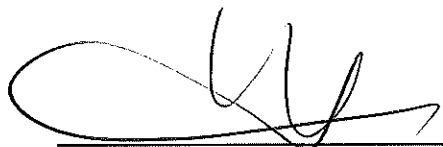
**New Business:****Business from the floor:****Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

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Lori Rose, Recording Secretary

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Tim Diamond, President Parks Department