

GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD

Minutes for the July 14, 2014 meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 111 N. Broad Street in Griffith, Indiana by President, Rob Bubala. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

-Rob Bubala -Gina Smith
-Pat Schaadt, Town Board Liaison -Rich Muha, School Board Liaison

Susan Hoese, Al Markut and Scott Sutton were not present.

Brent Torrenga, Town Attorney, was also in attendance.

Gina Smith made a motion to accept the June 9, 2014 minutes. Rich Muha seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Claims in the amount of \$15,529.07 (fifteen thousand five hundred twenty-nine dollars and seven cents) were presented. Gina Smith made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Rich Muha seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rob Bubala announced that Scott Sutton has resigned as he is moving to another town. A Democrat spot is now available. If anyone is interested a letter or email should be sent to the Town Council.

He also added that next month's pre-meeting will begin at 6 PM with the option of a meeting after the regularly scheduled Park Board meeting if needed.

Rob also reminded everyone that if they see any damage, graffiti or questionable behavior to report it to the police non-emergency number, 924-3141.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Rob Bubala reported that all is good with the finances at this time.

Park Superintendent: No report. Al Markut was absent

School Board: Rich Muha announced that the football field should be done in time for the first scrimmage game.

GSEC – Julie Anderson reported that the parade went well; there were no huge problems but Lt. Gang will work on some issues they had with cars in the parade route. She gave Rob a list of the parade winners which he will publish. Julie then added that the symphony will be in the park next Friday. Laura had sent a list of questions regarding this event which will be forwarded to Al Markut.

Senior Center – Pat Schaadt stated that all is well with the center having their pinochle, scrabble, book club and sewing. There have been some issues with young men in the parking lot and at Tot Park scaring some seniors, one hitting a senior's car and others yelling profanities. However, there have been no fights.

Central Market – Pat Schaadt reported that attendance at the Market is continuing to increase, even with threats of rain at times; beer garden sales are still increasing. The market on July 3rd went well; servicemen and retired service personnel got free pretzels with toppings as a thank you. The Market will be on hiatus for 2 weeks and then back until fall. In addition, port-a-potties will be available while the bathrooms in Central Park are being worked on.

Bike Trail Connection – This will be a 2015 project.

Central Park Bathroom Rehab Proposal Project – Rob Bubala stated that this project is moving along. The Town Council has accepted bids. News on who will be awarded this project will be coming out soon.

South Park – Per Rob Bubala this project is on hold. We are still awaiting word from the people handling this project.

Bike Trail Repair – Rob reported that this project is also on hold. Once we have news we will forward it on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

Rob Bubala went over the items of unfinished business:

1. Tot Park Basketball Hoops Review – Some of the senior residents have expressed issues and the police have provided information regarding the incidents. None of the problems were related to the basketball hoops.
2. New Mower and hydraulic deck Bids have been put out and received. Information will be given when a decision has been made.
3. 39th Street Equipment – Repainting of some of the equipment has been done; new baby swings and chains have been purchased. As of yet the merry-go-round needs to be finished.
4. Light Pole – The pole has been replaced at the Babe Ruth field. Sue Hoese has been working with the league.
5. South Park Pavillion – The brick wall repair has been completed.
6. Bike Racks – Al Markut has been working with the vendor but the project is a little behind.
7. Roof at Tot Park and Cheever – Bids have been received to replace the roof at Cheever Park and Tot Park pavilions. Bids from Gluth Brothers was \$3470 and the bid from Korellis \$4456. Rob made a motion to hire Gluth Brothers to replace the roof at Cheever; Gina Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. One bid has been received for the Tot Park roof. However, the high school is starting a trades program, and Ray White has approached the Park Board to ask if there is any work the students could do for us. It is a possibility that we could include Tot Park in their program. In conclusion, the Tot park bid will be taken under advisement. Other bids will be requested, and the high school will be talked to regarding their projects.
8. Park Yoga Sessions – The person running the yoga program had a couple of concerns; she has received clarification. We will continue to communicate with her and we may see some yoga sessions in the Park.

9. Partnering with Griffith Public Schools on building projects – As previously discussed, we will keep all abreast as we find out more information on this idea.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

1. The Park Board had received a proposal from Griffith Girls' Softball for the Cheever Park infield. A quote has been received from Sports Fields in Alsip in the amount of \$3975.00. Rob Bubala mentioned that Cheever does need work; it has been neglected. He made a motion that the Park Board support this venture and will reimburse the Griffith Girls' Softball League for ½ the cost of \$3975.00 once the work was completed. There was no second.
2. The symphony will be in the park in two weeks and the Park Full of Art will be held this weekend. Al Markut's team will be busy setting up the park and keeping it clean.
3. Picnic Tables for Market – Picnic tables have been added outside of the entrance of pavilion and among the vendors in the grass. Central Market has hired a young man to help Kathy since none of Al Markut's crew wanted the extra hours. He will fix & arrange tables and set up for the day and then store things at the end of the day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Aaron Pollock, 127 N. Rensselaer, of Griffith Girls' Softball, mentioned that the quote for Cheever field did include options for replacing home plate. He added that the dugout also needs some work, and right field needed repair because it has had to be pumped after heavy rainfall. Aaron also asked that we make sure the fields are mowed because they will all be used for a tournament to be held this weekend.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

The meeting was adjourned by President Rob Bubala at 7:21 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Diane Kujawa