

## **GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD**

### **Minutes for the March 10, 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   - Scott Sutton        - Al Markut, Park Supervisor  
-Pat Schaadt, Town Board Liaison.

Rich Muha, School Board liaison, and Sue Hoeser were both absent. Also in attendance was George Jerome, Clerk Treasurer.

Scott Sutton made a motion to accept the February 10, 2014 minutes. Gina Smith seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Claims in the amount of \$2123.50 (two thousand one hundred twenty-three dollars and fifty cents) were presented. Scott Sutton made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Gina Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A.J. Lewis is no longer serving on the Park Board as of this meeting, March 10, 2014. Sue Hoeser is her replacement but she could not be present to do a previous engagement.

The April pre-meeting will be at 6:00 pm. with a post meeting if needed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

### **REPORTS:**

Treasurer: Rob Bubala reported that our appropriation balances are looking good.

Park Superintendent: Al Markut reported that his men are alive and well after dealing with the two months of record cold and snow. As they wait for the weather to break, they are trying to clean up the areas they couldn't previously get to.

School Board: No report

GSEC – on hiatus until April

Senior Center – Pat Schaadt reported that all is going well. The Seniors will be having a potluck on Friday, April 4, 2014. Their bus trip reservations are not going as well as in the past, but the Senior Center does appreciate the notices being put on the web regarding their activities.

Central Market – Central Market will take place on Fridays from May thru October.

Bike Trail Connection – Updates will be given to the public once this project gets underway.

Central Park Bathroom Rehab Proposal Project – Larry Ballah was not able to attend this meeting to give us the newest engineering drawings for this project.

South Park – Everything is still a mess due to all the work being done out there.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:**

Rob Bubala went over the items of unfinished business:

1. Tot Park Basketball Hoops Review – As discussed at the February meeting, the police were asked if there had been any reports of trouble at Tot Park and none had been reported. Scott Sutton made a motion that the basketball hoops be put back up in April. Gina Smith seconded the motion. Because there were 2 ayes and one nay, vote will be postponed until the next meeting

2. Cheever Flag and Lighting – Al hasn't heard anything more regarding the flag. It is the correct size but there may need to be an adjustment to the light.
3. Rob Bubala reported that the Central Park clock parts are in.
4. Consideration of New Mower and Hydraulic Deck – We will be getting information on bidding for this equipment.

#### **NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:**

1. The 2014 Sports leases will be signed at the end of this meeting.
2. Approval for T-Ball and Volleyball leases for the YMCA will be done at the April meeting.
3. The Town Council has asked the Park Board to consider hiring an activities director.
4. Due to the selling of the lands at South Park and the Franklin fields from the schools to the Redevelopment Commission, the previous lease the Park Board had with the Griffith Public Schools is null and void. The new lease which states that the Park Department can administer leases on those two pieces of land for one dollar a year. Scott made a motion for the Park Board President to sign the lease. Gina Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

None

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Aaron Pollock, 130 N. Rensselaer, had brought up the subject of adding insurance to cover the concession stand building in order that they would have control over that property. George Jerome, Clerk Treasurer said that the building had been insured as part of the Griffith School's property. It is now part of the Town's insured property. George suggested that perhaps the building could be leased for the entire year even if the fields were not leased for all of that time.

Aaron then stated that Griffith Girls' Softball is considering offering to purchase the property on a 30 year term on a land contract. If payment falls to arrears, the property would fall back to the town and not be sold to a developer. George Jerome added that this subject was discussed at the Redevelopment Meeting and that a 30 year might not work. A covenant would need to be added to the deed stating that if there were any reason that the League would no longer want the property it would revert back to the town and could not be sold to a developer.

The meeting was adjourned by President Rob Bubala at 7:17 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Diane Kujawa