

## **GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD**

### **Minutes for the November 11, 2013 meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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    -A.J. Lewis    -Gina Smith    - Scott Sutton    -Al Markut, Park Supervisor  
-Pat Schaadt, Town Council Liaison    -Rich Muha, School Board Liaison.

Scott Sutton made a motion to accept the October 14, 2013 minutes. A.J. Lewis seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Claims in the amount of \$5108.32 (five thousand one hundred eight dollars and thirty-two cents) were presented. Gina Smith made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Scott Sutton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A.J Lewis acknowledged Veteran's Day and extended thanks to all veterans at the meeting today.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

### **REPORTS:**

Treasurer: Rob Bubala reported that the Park Board is still in decent financial shape and has had no major expenditures in the last couple of months.

Park Superintendent: Al Markut announced that his men are doing their normal duties which include mowing the grass, picking up the leaves and clearing snow. The parks are ready to close—tables and garbage cans have been put away. Volley ball nets and tennis nets have been taken down; they will be replaced next year.

School Board: Rich Muha asked if everything has been taken out of the building at Panther Park. Rob Bubala reported that we have not proceeded with any work there because according to the lawyer and the Redevelopment Committee the purchase agreement is not complete.

GSEC – Julie Anderson did not attend, but asked that she be contacted if there are any issues.

Senior Center – Pat Schaadt reported that the Seniors were having a November potluck and in December they will have their Christmas party. The trip to North Carolina is filling up and everything else is going fine. Rob Bubala stated that he will put a copy of the trip flier on the website.

Farmer's Market – Kathy Ruesken announced that the Central Market is over and she is waiting to nail down a few things so she can get started for next year.

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

Rob Bubala went over the items of unfinished business:

1. He announced that Al Markut has received some quotes for swings at the 39<sup>th</sup> Street park and the Board will re-evaluate this subject in December.
2. Staffing need review is in process. This year's data will be compared to next years' as well as the amount of work the men have, to determine if there is a need to hire additional people for next year.
3. The backup power and internet connectivity for the park garage has been put on hold. There have been questions regarding connectivity and runs.
4. The Redevelopment Committee has informed the Board that the Panther, South and Franklin field purchases are still in progress.
5. Additional discussions regarding Central Market 2014 will be taking place after the meeting tonight.
6. Due to issues with the older trees, the Enbridge rerouting project has destroyed the playground area. Al Markut needs to find out where Buckeye Pipeline lies. Work will be started next year to develop layouts for replacing the playground and fields.
7. Because of vandalism and the constant freezing and thawing last year, a new ice rink needs to be ordered. It will be put down as soon as the ground is frozen. Nerissa Dixon, 130 Ernest, added that Boys Baseball will be opening a concession stand on the weekends. Al Markut questioned the playing of hockey on the rink while the younger kids and skaters were using the rink. He wondered how to address this issue. Rob Bubala suggested a sign be posted but it was undecided how to enforce this. Aaron Pollock, 127 Rensselaer, suggested the sign give specific times that hockey could be played. More discussions will be held on this subject before the next meeting.

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

Griffith Girls Softball will be signing an extension to their lease tonight in the amount of \$900.00.

The Park Board has received comments on the Central Park bathrooms. A preliminary drawing has been received, and in the next six to eight months further details will be received and bids will be accepted.

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

Nerissa Dixon, 130 Ernest, had requested that the Park Board find out who owns the Little League concession stand building. Rob Bubala reported that he had spoken with Donche Andonov, Building Commissioner, and found out that the building was constructed in 1995 and that the Park Dept. does own the building. Rob Bubala asked that the Board be advised of any major issues with the building so that they can be discussed and can determine what repairs might be handled by its own department. Nerissa then asked if the Board can also find out who owns the major league concession stand. Al Markut asked if the Board would like Rogers Construction to look at the building as they are doing the roof at South Park. Rob commented that they are first trying to determine ownership and then will talk about possible repairs. Further discussion with Rogers can be done at a later time.

## **NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

None

The meeting was adjourned by President Rob Bubala at 7:20 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Diane Kujawa

