

GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD

Minutes for the March 13, 2013 meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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	-Leonard Bezat
-Pat Schaadt, Town Council Liaison		-Rich Muha, School Board Liaison		

A.J. Lewis made a motion to accept the February 11, 2013 minutes. Scott Sutton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Claims in the amount of \$5052.26 (five thousand fifty-two dollars and twenty-six cents) were presented. Scott Sutton made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Gina Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Rob Bubala informed all that Lake County Parks will come to the April meeting to discuss the possible project of connecting the two bike trails as was discussed last month by the gentlemen from a bike club in Highland.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Rob Bubala reported that all appropriations are on track at this time.

Park Superintendent: Leonard Bezat reported that the men are getting equipment ready for spring. A.J. Lewis complemented his men for plowing at Franklin and at the Town Hall during the last snowfall.

School Board – No report.

GSEC – On hiatus; they will be back in April.

Senior Center – Pat Schaadt reported that the Sr. Center had a great Valentine party. Next Friday, March 15, they will be having a St. Patrick Day celebration. She also stated that the Center had one rental on March 2, 2013. Rob Bubala asked if there were still ten spots available for the New Orleans trip. Pat didn't know if it has been filled but she believes this trip will be a success. The Seniors want to plan another trip for the fall.

Farmer's Market –Pat Schaadt reported that two vendor applications have been received so far—one for crafts and one for honey products. Kathy Ruesken has sent out a lot of applications and Pat will be following up on them. Any checks received will be banked under the Central Market. Rob Bubala has put the documents on the website and a Facebook page has been started.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

Rob Bubala announced that interviews continue to be held for Len Bezat's position.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Jimmy Gonzalez, activity director with the "Y," was asked to stay after the meeting to go over dates for his leagues. Leases also will be signed immediately after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Bob Prodoehl, of 302 N. Woodlawn, inquired about the possibility of a Dog Park here in Griffith. He would rather pay for a dog park in town than pay other towns. Rob Bubala then informed Mr. Prodoehl that the Park Board has previously looked at areas in town and found that our free space is limited. Mr. Prodoehl suggested an area by Tot Park and along the fence by the railroad tracks since it already had one side of fencing. AJ Lewis responded that this is railroad property. She added that the discussion of a Dog Park also has come up during Imagine Griffith meetings. Mr. Prodoehl also suggested the area by the landfill, but Rob Bubala stated that area couldn't work because of the shooting range. The Park property at Main and Colfax was also suggested as a possible site. Rob Bubala stated that he will ask Pat Schaadt to take this matter up at the Town Council meeting. Len Bezat mentioned that other dogs could transmit diseases, but Mr. Prodoehl stated that at other parks the dogs have to show proof of shots before the owner can get a pass key to enter the park.

Bill Petri, 329 Elmer, asked that a Porta Potty be allowed on the trail. He volunteered to open it and lock it up at night. He also would put out a jar to collect donations to defray the cost of cleaning it. The matter will be discussed by the Board.

Phil Drozd, 337 N. Lillian, asked for permission to paint the fences at the Girls Softball Field. Rich Muha stated that as long as there was minimal overspray this would be greatly appreciated. Rob Bubala suggested that Mr. Drozd coordinate with the High School for times. In response to a question by A.J. Lewis, Phil Drozd said that the painting would be done in early spring before the grass gets too long.

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

Recording Secretary

Diane Kujawa