

## **GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD**

### **Minutes for the January 14, 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, A.J. Lewis. 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		

Rob Bubala made a motion to accept the December 10, 2012 minutes. Scott Sutton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

A.J. Lewis reported that there were no claims to be presented; all were paid at the end of the year.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A.J. Lewis announced that our Park Director, Leonard Bezat, has retired effective as of 1/1/2013. He will be filling in until a replacement has been chosen. Some of his employees are helping out with duties and he is overseeing them. President Lewis then presented Leonard with gift certificates in gratitude for all the work he has done for the Town.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

### **REPORTS:**

Treasurer: No report

Park Superintendent: Leonard Bezat reported that the skating rink is open, weather permitting. His employees have been working on equipment so that it is ready for spring.

School Board – No report.

GSEC – On hiatus, no report.

Senior Center – Pat Schaadt informed the Board the Senior Center will hold its first potluck Friday, Jan. 18, 2013 at noon. They are still accepting applications for their tour to New Orleans in the spring. Several people have already expressed interest, and the Seniors are hoping for a full bus.

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

Rob Bubala stated the he received two letters from residents. The first from Christie Davis expressed thanks for the skating rink so that her sons can skate in town. The second letter, from Sylvia Torpeka, stated that the rink is a wonderful addition to the park but asked if the ice rink can be divided into free skate and hockey and also if benches could be supplied to put skates on. The resident also asked if the town might consider a warming shed.

A.J. Lewis suggested that the Town place a picnic table out by the skating rink, but Leonard Bezat responded that there are already a few metal tables available for this purpose. Rob Bubala was asked to respond to Sylvia and let her know we will do our best but that there are tables already out by the rink. The warming shed is something that cannot be considered at this time.

In respect to the outside Farmer's Market, A.J. Lewis then added that work is still being done on an agreement. Other considerations are who will run the market, how it will be run and the completion of contracts and processing of applications.

#### NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

The 2013 Board appointments were made following the process previously adopted. The officers are as follows:

President	Rob Bubala
Vice President	Scott Sutton
Treasurer	Gina Smith
Secretary	A.J. Lewis

The appointments are effective as of the end of this meeting.

A.J. Lewis then reported that some fees need to be reinstated for the 2013 field leases. The Park Board is proposing a one-time tournament fee per year of \$250.00 for baseball and softball and a \$250.00 seed and fertilizer fee per year for Pop Warner and soccer. These changes overwrite the previous changes proposed at the November, 2012 meeting. Scott Sutton made a motion to accept these fees and Gina Smith seconded.

Scott Sutton also suggested that when the teams come in to sign their leases in March they need to give specific dates for their tournaments. This request will be included in the letter mailed to all the teams.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None – No public in attendance

#### NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

The meeting was adjourned by President Lewis at 7:14 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Diane Kujawa