

## GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD

### Minutes for the February 12, 2018 meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Town Hall, 111 N. Broad Street in Griffith, Indiana by President, Tim Diamond. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

- John Dudlicek      -Tim Diamond      -Christine Wroblewski      -Dan Perez  
-Al Markut, Park Superintendent      -Jennifer Dildine, School Board Liaison      - Jim Marker, Town Council Liaison

Christine Wroblewski made a motion to accept the January 8, 2018 minutes. John Dudlicek seconded the motion; minutes were approved.

John Dudlicek presented claims number 16342-16351 in the amount of \$19,728.78. He then made a motion to accept the claims as received. Dan Perez seconded the motion; motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tim Diamond introduced and welcomed new School Board Liaison, Jennifer Dildine.

Tim Diamond announced that the March 12, 2018 Park Board meeting will be held at 7 PM. A study session will be held at 6 PM before the meeting; one will follow if necessary.

He reminded residents to call 911 if any graffiti, damage, or questionable behavior is seen in any of the town parks.

General comments regarding the Parks Department or bike paths can be directed to [griffithparks@griffith.in.gov](mailto:griffithparks@griffith.in.gov)

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Tim Diamond reported that he had received an inquiry from a resident who lives near the 39<sup>th</sup> Street Park and wants to do a memorial. He has sent an email with suggestions and information.

He also announced that May 12, 2018 will be Clean-up day. John Dudlicek inquired as to whether or not Rich Leber is still helping organize. Tim Diamond thought that he will be, but that Karl has moved on to Whiting YMCA and but hopes to still be involved. He is recruiting some new people for this town-wide cleanup.

Tim then added that Griffith YMCA is looking to do a CrossFit class in the summer at Panther Park once the exercise equipment is installed.

Lastly, he mentioned the Park Board is looking for sponsorships for Movies in the Park on the dates of June 20, July 18 and Aug. 8, 2018.

### REPORTS:

Financial Report: Tim Diamond remarked that one month in, the budget looks good with a balance of \$175,073.66. If we have no more snowstorms, we should be good in shape.

Park Superintendent: Al Markut commented that January has been up and down as far as the ice rink goes. The 50 degree temperatures had melted everything and kids had been playing in the water. He and his crew got it back in shape and are trying to keep it going. John asked how much use the rink got, and Tim replied that when the weather is good, it gets plenty of use. Al then added that we are going to need a new liner next year as skates are putting holes in it. The cost is about \$2000.00 with labor adding another \$2000.00.

He remarked that the flashing trail lights at 45<sup>th</sup> are working. The one on Main St. is just a flashing strobe and Al doesn't know who will see it. There is also a new stop sign on the new trail by Colfax which people are not used to and aren't stopping.

Al added that he got another quote for a mower and needs feedback from the Board on this purchase. In regards to his trucks, he needs to start replacing his inventory of five trucks. He has put quite a bit of money into getting tires and repairing these vehicles.

Since there had been some warm weather the Park men had cut down a tree by Meyer's fence, using the bucket truck. Tim Diamond asked what the cost of contracting out versus us taking down the trees would be. Al responded that his crew usually just does the chopping up. There had been a lot of dead branches by Panther Park. They can only take down trees that are about 12 -14" around.

Lastly, Al informed the Board that all four of his summer employees will be back this year.

School Board Liaison's Report – Jennifer Dildine announced that Dr. Morikis has retired from the Griffith Schools effective immediately. She also said that the Spaghetti dinner hosted by the Griffith Foundation will be coming up in another week or two. John Dudlicek added that the Griffith Robotics team will be competing in the state championship tournament on February 24 and that the Griffith Bowling team went to State competition.

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

Tim Diamond went over the unfinished business:

1. North End Park – The Park Board will be applying for a grant again this year for funds for a park near the North Fire Station.
2. Panther Park – We are waiting a thaw so we can put the new equipment up.

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

None.


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

John Dudlicek announced that the Franklin Field softball leases will be signed next month, on March 12, 2018. Information has been emailed and there hadn't been any substantial changes in the lease. A certificate of insurance, check for the fees, a signed agreement and contact information will be required. The amount required can be calculated from the worksheet which had been included in the email.

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

None

The meeting was adjourned by President, Tim Diamond, at 7:20 pm.

  
Diane Kujawa  
Recording Secretary