

GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD

Minutes for the November 11, 2019 meeting:

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

The meeting was attended by the following members:

-Tim Diamond -Al Markut (absent) -Christine Wroblewski -Dan Perez -Jim Marker, Town Council Liaison -John Dudlicek, School Board Liaison

Christine Wroblewski made a motion to accept the September 9, 2019 minutes. Dan Perez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Christine Wroblewski made a motion to accept the October 14, 2019 minutes. Dan Perez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims in the amount of \$21,462.27 Numbered 25466-25499 were presented. Dan Perez made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Christine Wroblewski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims in the amount of \$34,732.03 Numbered 25922-25943 were presented. Dan Perez made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Christine Wroblewski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Election of new Park Board Vice President:

John Dudlicek vacated his position as Park Board Vice President, due to now serving on the Griffith School Board. Park Board Member Christine Wroblewski nominated Dan Perez to be Vice President of the Park Board. John Dudlicek seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Nominations were closed. Park Board President Tim Diamond called for a vote, all in favor. Dan Perez is the new Park Board Vice President.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tim Diamond announced that the next Park Board meeting will be held on December 9, 2019 at 7 pm. A study session will occur at 6 P.M., and a follow-up meeting will take place after the regularly scheduled meeting if needed.

He reminded residents to please call the police non-emergency number at 911 if any graffiti, damage or questionable behavior is seen in any of the Town parks.

General comments and questions regarding the parks or bike path can be directed to griffithparks@griffith.in.gov

CORRESPONDENCE:

Main and Colfax landscaping: The extra funds left over from the Griffith Clean-Up Day, will be used to engage Tim's Landscaping to tidy up the Main and Colfax landscaping.

REPORTS:

Park Superintendent report as follows:

- No Report

School Board Liaison's Report: John Dudlicek reported the following:

- Kathy Ruesken has vacated her seat as School Board Liaison, and John Dudlicek will now serve that role.
- The High School Play "I Remember Mama" ran this past weekend. Students did great job acting. Looking forward to the spring musical "South Pacific".
- We had a trial run and real run of E-learning day on Nov 5th. E-learning days give opportunity to continue instructional days in spite of weather or other challenges. The test runs went relatively smoothly. So although "snow days" might be a thing of the past, it will make for a more stable calendar and preserve summer break time.

- Griffith Middle School FLL Robotics team, Pantherbots, continue Griffith's success in robotics competition as they were the Tournament Champions at the Hammond FLL Invitational. Also there, Griffith's two elementary teams (FLL Jr.) made their debut at a competition. Griffith and Hammond are the only two schools in Lake Co. that have an elementary robotics program. Both levels will be competing Sunday, Nov 24 at IUN from 1:00 to 6 PM. Griffith's HS teams have also started their building season—more info on tournaments for the HS to follow.

Imagine Griffith Report: Dan Perez reported the following:

- Imagine Griffith will be holding a Christmas Tree Fundraiser again this year. Trees will be placed in the front of Franklin Center and by Jedi's at the corner of Ridge Road and Cline Avenue. The donation is \$65 per tree or \$85 for decorated tree. Any business, organization or individual interested in sponsoring a tree can contact Sonia at Imagine Griffith 210.688.5969.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

Tim Diamond went over the items of unfinished business:

1. DNR Grant/Firefighters Pavilion: The sidewalks are completed. The parking area is close to being completed. The pavilion construction is ready to go, but needs to wait for approval from the State of Indiana. Benches are being stored at the Park Department Garage.
2. Soccer concession building: The construction of a concession stand with storage (no bathrooms) is waiting for approval from the State of Indiana.
3. Pop Warner Storage Building: The construction of a storage building is awaiting approval from the State of Indiana.
4. Baseball storage/pavilion building: The old storage shed will be torn down. The construction of a new storage building is awaiting approval from the State of Indiana.
5. Pickleball Courts: The construction of the new Pickleball Court is completed. Buying new nets.
6. Playground Signage: New playground rules sign is installed at Central Park

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Youth Baseball League banners: Banners have been taken down.
2. Parking in Central Park. Anyone that observes cars parking in Central Park are encouraged to report this to the Griffith Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

The meeting was adjourned by Tim Diamond at 7:13 p.m.

Shari Heins, Recording Secretary

