

GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD

Minutes for the April 12, 2021 meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. 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 -Dan Perez- Sue Hoese -John Dudlicek, School Board Liaison -Rich Powell- Park Director.

John Dudlicek made a motion to accept the February 8, 2021 minutes. Sue Hoese seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Sue Hoese presents the claims and motions to approve the claims in the amount of \$14,747.88. Dan Perez seconds the motion, claims approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tim Diamond announced that the next Park Board meeting will be held on May 10th 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: Tim Diamond states there will be a handball tournament at Cheever Park. Sue asks about the parking for this tournament and Tim states he has discussed with the Principal and they are aware of the parking at Wadsworth.

Park Superintendent: Rich Powell reported as follows:

- All bathroom other than Firefighter because of a water issue
- Ordered new flags and poles they've all been put up and down Broad and Main
- Tracking electric problems at parks and got bids, biggest problem being Cheever. Powers been cut and the there will be new power run to three lights.
- Mowing and tree cutting
- Maintenance program on trucks and trailers.
- Volleyball and pickleball nets are up
- Extremely short on help. Down to only four people. With everything that there is to get done it is nearly impossible for them to not be working 7 days a week.
- The bathrooms have been left a mess every week, looking to get possible help to clean them or to have them be locked by a certain time every night
- Needs to get all the picnic tables moved to Central Park for the Central Market by May 7th (about 40 to 50 tables

Sue Hoese states that she would like to know Rich's game plan on getting the picnic tables moved and out for the Central Market, to try and get him help to do so with him being so shorthanded. They agreed that April 24th would be a good Saturday to get that done. Board will look into getting some young kids to get out their and help move some benches on that day.

School Board Liaison's Report: John Dudlicek reported the following: None

Imagine Griffith Report: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

Tim Diamond went over the items of finished business:

- Memorial walk will be repaved with CBDG funds but was gone over in the Town Council meeting and need to be spent by June and a Contractor has been selected. Will hold a big brick campaign to sell new bricks and will be advertised in the Griffith Informer

- Cheever Park softball field got started today. Will be priming and painting the fence. Have some volunteers from girls softball and Lev.er Brothers helping with the priming and painting. Should be finished in about two weeks. The Parks bucket truck is not working may end up having to rent one for them to use to paint
- Looking to get a new storage container for baseball with the left over grant money and get some mesh up.
- Dan Perez talks about credits for the sports for the loss of field rental time last year. He asks for a motion to approve the credits so he can go to the various leagues and let them know their balances due for 2021. Sue makes a motion to approve, John seconds, Board approves motion.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

- Restaurant Depot needs utility and sewer to go in immediately, the construction goes right under 39th lane Park. Turns out that you can not build on top of this work and it is questionable whether or not the equipment will be going back. Tim will look into it and is hoping to get some toddler equipment to get put back up there at least.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Resident Steve Mitchelltree 609 Heather Court is in attendance. Steve states that his wife and Griffith Tri Kappa group would like to put up a Little Library at Woodland Park on Pine Street. He is looking for permission for a spot to put it and they will consume to costs of all of it. He is also looking to get the brush and the large logs and branches cleaned up in the wooded area but is going to need some help. Also brings up a dead tree near the park itself that really needs to come down, as it is a hazard. John Dudlicek makes a motion to approve the building of the Little Library. Tim seconds the motion, Board approves. Rich says he will go and mark a good location with paint. Steve wants it to be placed near the Woodland sign.

The meeting was adjourned by Tim Diamond at 8:02 p.m.

Attested:

X Danielle Reid

Danielle Reid
Recording Secretary