**GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD**

**Minutes for the November 08, 2021, meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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-Tony Terzarial (Absent)-John Dudlicek, School Board Liaison -Rich Powell- Park Director.

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

Sue Hoese makes a motion to accept the claims 36195-36204 in the amount of $2,362.87. John Dudlicek seconded the motion and the claims where approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Tim Diamond announced that the next Park Board meeting will be held on October 11, 2021 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 said that the Memorial Tree that was removed on the Bike Trail was replaced, and the family was very pleased and even helped to plant that tree.

**Park Superintendent: Rich Powell reported as follows:**

* Vandalism
* Bathroom’s shutdown
* Water fountains drained and winterized
* Pickleball, Futsal, Volleyball nets down and chained up
* Work on Colfax and Main
* Tree clean up from storms
* Intertwined bushes at Tot removed
* Getting ready to mulch leaves

**School Board Liaison’s Report: John Dudlicek reports the following:**

Really neat new decals on the front windows of the Middle School doors. Girls on the Run had a successful 5K on Saturday. Lady Panthers took their first win against Morton on Saturday. The High Ability class in 5th grade are going to be dissecting a heart from a dear. We are on our first steps of doing an Aviation Pathway at the Highschool. Good Trick or Treat event at the Highschool to support unified sports for Halloween. A successful Jeopardy night with the National Junior Honor Society.

**Imagine Griffith Report: Dan Perez reports the following:**

Christmas Tree Fundraiser to support the Griffith Emergency Fund. There have been 30 Christmas trees placed alongside the Franklin Center, Historical Society Depot, Central Park, The corner of Broad and Main, and the corner of Ridge Road and Cline. These are 6-foot trees placed and anchored. You can donate 65 and decorate yourself or 85 and have volunteers decorate it for you. Signage is provided, decorations need to be removed by January 9th. If interested reach out to Sonja Lively at Imagine Griffith.

Tim mentions that at Central Park there is a rather large Pine with power near it and inquired whether there is a way to get lights around it.

**Finance Report: Sue Hoese reports the following:**

The budget is 47,521.43 for the rest of year.

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

Tim states he wants to move forward with getting a plan approved for Cheever Park for the engineering portion of the project with Butler Fairman Seufert. John Dudlicek states BFS’s proposal is all related to the north side other than the parking lots. The south side of Cheever is all being done by them, and they can go ahead and move forward with getting that done whenever pickleball improvements, fencing, lighting, move futsal over to make pickleball and futsal separate to give them their own space. John said that should only cost maybe about 150,000 total including 40,000 of fence work. Tim says we may want to see about adding camera’s to the parks.

Rich states the vandalism at Central Park is getting worse and worse. Shattering glass on the slides, taking apart bathroom equipment, playground equipment, tables, smearing feces on the walls. Park Board says they need to talk with Council and the Police Department and receive more help to get this to stop. Tim suggests adding more camera’s to be able to get more coverage of the park. The Park budget is taking a huge hit on having to fix the vandalism.

Rich is concerned about how they are going to add bricks to the Memorial Walk at Central Park after it was resurfaced, they are concreted in tight, and they need an easy way to add new ones in without destroying the work. John says he is going to talk to a contractor about teaching the Park guys how to remove and replace the bricks themselves, so that people can continue to purchase bricks.

**NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD: none**

**NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: none**

Meeting Adjourned 7:52 PM

**Attested:**