**GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD**

**Minutes for the January 10, 2022, meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 (Absent)- Sue Hoese (Absent) -Tony Terzarial (Absent) John Dudlicek, School Board Liaison -Rich Powell Park Director.

No minutes or Claims approved for this meeting due to low quorum.

Election postponed until next month due to low quorum

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Tim Diamond announced that the next Park Board meeting will be held on February 14, 2022 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 Reports the Following:

Valerie Wotkun received information about a grant for Master Gardeners 100-500 dollars’ worth of grant funds they can get for plants. She is going to apply for that grant and use it for Town landscaping.

Also received correspondence from Nipsco for a seeding grant for a pollination plan we had talked about. Don’t think the timing is going to work out for us, it would have saved us a couple thousand dollars toward seeding, unfortunately does not look like it will work out.

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

* Cleaning up South Trail (trimming trees, cleaning up brush)
* Removed lights and decorations from Central Park
* Snow and Ice Removal

**School Board Liaison’s Report: John Dudlicek reports as follows-**

The Park Board wishes to express condolences to the Family of Tricia Dodson. Ms. Dodson was a terrific teacher who impacted many lives and will be greatly missed.

Girls and Boys Bowling team just won Sectionals.

Elementary boys’ basketball has been going well.

Elementary girls’ basketball begins next week.

Received a grant for additional project Lead the Way training for Aviation and Robotics.

Turn-About Dance January 21st at Wicker Park

They will be back on WJOB starting next Monday

**Imagine Griffith Report:** Cleaning up Christmas Trees at Central Park. Kids got some service hours helping out.

**Finance Report: None**

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

Tim states that we did receive the Grant from the Legacy Foundation for 8,800 dollars for the Story Walk in Woodland Park. Have been in talks with Russel Landscaping to set a plan for cleaning up the wooded area for some tree trimming and making the path. Hopefully once the weather breaks a bit, we will get that project going soon. Also working with getting the pedestals ordered and put in.

Talked with the Fire Department about doing the tree lighting for next year. They said they are on board, and we will plan farther ahead this coming year to be prepared to do that.

Cheever Park enhancements with Futsal and Pickleball are in the works. Lighting, striping etc. Will be working on that soon with part of the bond.

Ice-Rink will be tabled for next year. Looking into a more maintainable, and an easier process.

Tim sent a message to Clerk Treasurer Gina Smith about getting an updated deed for Tot Park in order to send to start that project.

Girl’s softball asked about using their building for meetings and sign ups follow up. The buildings are winterized, however there are other options for meetings and sign ups. Tim investigated it and there are several other options for organizations to sports sign-ups; such as Franklin center, Griffith Library and Park West meeting room.

Softball and Baseball did say they would allow them to start their leases early however Rich stressed that the water will remain off until the weather is warm enough for it to be turned on.

**NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:**

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Meeting Adjourned 7:24PM

**Attested:**

