

GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD

Minutes for the March 14, 2022 meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. at the Town Hall, 111 N. Broad Street in Griffith, Indiana by – Dan Perez. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

--Tim Diamond (Absent) -Dan Perez-Sue Hoese-Tony Terzarial (Absent)-John Volkman, School Board Liaison -Rich Powell - Park Supervisor.

John Volkman made a motion to accept the February 14, 2022 minutes. Sue Hoese seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Sue Hoese makes a motion to accept the claims in the amount of \$19,215.22. Dan Perez seconded the motion and the claims were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dan Perez announced that the next Park Board meeting will be held on April 11, 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:

None

Park Superintendent: Rich Powell reported as follows:

- Trimming trees and bushes
- Snow Removal
- Book stands at story walk at Woodland Park
- Washed salt off vehicles
- Cleaned up shop
- Picked up trash
- Moved back rack from Panther Park to Central Park
- Moved equipment at 39th Ln Park

School Board Liaison's Report: John Volkman reports as follows-

Made announcement at the School Board Meeting that the Parks department was looking for summer help in hopes to get some High School kids to be interested in a summer job.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: A woman present stated that she believes it should be high priority for a rest stop on the bike trail. Rich Powell states that port-o-potties have been discussed but people tip them and vandalize them. Dan said it also is difficult to place anything on the bike path because of Nipsco. The only option they see is South Park being an option for a stop.

Rich Powell states the water will not be turned on until May 1st this year and cleaning will also start then at the parks. When it gets turned on too early things begin to freeze. Sue said to remind baseball that since the water is not running and they have access to the buildings at this time that the bathrooms are not usable yet.

Frank Nava is present he lives on Countryshire he is President of the Soccer Club. He says that they are at a point where their leagues are growing, and they are running out of field space. He would like to hold games at the adjacent football field if possible since they are splitting bills. Sue asks the percentage of Griffith children in the Club, Frank states it is 90% and the board members are 100%. Sue said they have to coordinate with Pop Warner, and it should not be an issue. Pop Warner states that they will need to utilize those fields for Spring home games. Soccer lost St. Mary's and Reedy as any space so they're struggling. Sue says they just need to coordinate together to make things work according to their schedules.

Rich made some phone calls to some Parks Departments in the area that are paying summer help 13 an hr and full time 18 an hr. Rich would like to suggest that full time get paid 12 and the summer help from 10.50-11 and states it with in his budgets range. Dan states that raising their pay within his range is under his own authority.

Meeting Adjourned 7:38 PM

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