

Griffith Park and Recreation Board Minutes

July 11th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm the Town Hall, 111 N Broad Street in Griffith, In by President Tim Diamond. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The following members attended the meeting:

Tony Terzarial, Tim Diamond – President, Dan Perez, Sue Hoesse, John Volkman – School Board Liaison
Member Dan Perez made a motion to approve the June 13th, 2022 Minutes, seconded by Member Tony Terzarial, Motion carried.

Member Sue Hoesse made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$61,062.94, Member Tony Terzarial seconded the motion, Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next park Board meeting will be August 8th, 2022 at 7pm. A study session will be held at 6pm before the meeting and one will follow if necessary.
2. Reminder to residents that if anyone sees any graffiti, damage or questionable behavior in any of the town parks, please call 911.
3. General comments and questions regarding the parks or bike path can be directed to griffithpark@griffith.in.gov

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Legacy Foundation – meeting set up for August 5th at Woodland Park Storybook Walk.
2. Griffith Library Storybook Walk will have a new book and background.

REPORTS:

Park Superintendent: Rich Powell - Absent

School Board Liaison's Report

John Volkman reported they are still working on the new HVAC units at jr/sr schools, Wadsworth pick up and drop off is being changed, there will be 2 portable schools as well, there will be a second school resource officer at the schools, starting soon on an addition to Wadsworth being called Trish Dodson Love of Learning addition. Tim Diamond asked if John Volkman talks to the chief if he can look into surveillance to cover the park from the school.

Imagine Griffith

Imagine Griffith is still working on the public art display. Tim Diamond started there is \$3,000 left in grant money leftover to use towards art at Woodland Park.

Finance

Tim Diamond reported about 56% left in budget.

Unfinished Business

Cheever Park Enhancements

Tim Diamond reported the futsal resurfacing and handball court is complete, still need to adjust the lights for the neighbors and waiting on pickleball nets.

Grant/Tot Park

Tim Diamond stated they are still waiting on grant approval and continuing working on the engineering end of the plan.

39th Lane Park

Tim Diamond stated they finalized engineering and equipment. Sue Hoese made a motion to approve the installation and equipment, Tony Terzarial seconded the motion, Motion carried. Tim Diamond will follow up with Rick Ryfa regarding the need for Restaurant Depot to have them fulfill their agreement to 39th Lane Park. Restaurant Depot used extremely poor dirt/rock fill in the park and never seeded it for grass, thus it is a field of weeds and rocks.

Indiana Geological Survey Company

Wants to do a 30-foot coring in the parks and would be a great historical information to have and forwarded it on to the Building Commissioner Steve McDermott

New Business - None

Business from the Floor

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Kyle the President of youth baseball wanted to know the plan with the baseball fields. Kyle showed members the concerns they have and would like a plan on fixing them. Kyle stated he would also like to start a travel program. Sue Hoese understood the field conditions and asked how many travel teams the are wanting. Tony Terzarial stated he has high aspirations to redo the fields and they need to get costs before the parks can do anything which wouldn't be till probably next year. Kyle stated he needs to plan his budget for next year. Tim Diamond stated they are looking at 2 major and 1 minor field and talking about a possible bond but are at least 2 years away. Kyle stated a lot of kids are leaving to go to other towns because they have better fields. Kyle stated there is a lot of drainage problems. Dan Perez asked if he could write a letter with his wishes and concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38p.m.



Jackie Kinach, Recording Secretary



Tim Diamond, Park Board President