

Griffith Park and Recreation Board Minutes November 2022

November 14th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 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:

Tim Diamond – President, Sue Hoes, Tony Terzarial, John Volkman – School Board Liaison

Absent - Dan Perez – Vice President

Member John Volkman made a motion to approve the October 10th, 2022 Minutes seconded by Member Tony Terzarial, Motion carried.

Member Tony Terzarial made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$29,622.92, Member John Volkman seconded the motion, Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next park Board meeting will be December 12th, 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: None

REPORTS:

Park Superintendent: Rich Powell

Rich Powell reported they have been busy collecting leaves, mower repairs and service, storing away picnic tables, taking down volleyball nets, waiting on pickleball to finish to winterize the courts, and cleaned the fire damage by priming area damaged.

School Board Liaison's Report

John Volkman stated the school registration has been announced for the 2023/2024 school year along with summer school registration and the 2023/2024 calendar has been released. Everything is on the school website.

Imagine Griffith

Imagine Griffith is collecting for the Christmas Trees and the Fire Department hung lights on the pine tree at Central Park. Tony suggested that next year they use the C-9 lights bulbs. The Fire department spent 4 hours putting lights on the tree.

Finance Report

Sue Hoes stated there is \$50,152.00 left in the Parks budget for the year 2022.

Business From the Board

DNR Grant/Tot Park Project

Tim Diamond received the official letter for the \$500,000 matching grant. December 6th, 2022 will be the public notice for the Town Council meeting and letters will be mailed to residents within 300 feet of Tot Park. There will be a presentation to the Town Council at that time. John Volkman asked what if there is negative feedback from the residents. Tim stated the grant is very specific in what they could use it for. Tim stated he went to the St. John skate park ribbon cutting and asked some residents how they feel about the park. Tim talked with the Police Chief with any concerns and Insurance company regarding putting in a skate park at Tot Park. After the public hearing it goes to the Plan Commission and hoping to break ground in the spring/summer. Tim stated there is \$500,000 earmarked in the bond to match this grant.

39th Lane Park

Tim Diamond stated November 21st will be the groundbreaking for the installation of the new park equipment. Discussion was made regarding what type of mulch to put down. Tim stated he was inquiring about the rubber mulch to put down and will get a price on that product.

New Business - None

Business from the Floor

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – None

Meeting adjourned at 7:32p.m.

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Tim Diamond, Park Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Kinach', written over a horizontal line.

Jackie Kinach, Recording Secretary