

Griffith Parks and Recreation Broad Minutes May 2024

May 13, 2024

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

The following members attended the meeting:

Tim Diamond, Daniel Perez, Tina Adams

Tony Terzarial, Dan Rodriguez-absent

Member Daniel Perez made a motion to approve the April 2024 minutes, second by member Tina Adams, motioned carried.

Member Daniel Perez read the claims in the amount of \$267,369.00, which \$200,000 is for the renovation of Tot Park. Member Daniel Perez made a motion to approve the claims; member Tina Adams second the motion, Motion carried.

Announcements:

1. The next Park Board meeting will be held June 10 at 7pm. A study session will be held at 6pm before the meeting and one will follow in 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 or questions regarding the parks or bike path can be directed to griffithpark@griffith.in.gov

Correspondence:

Yoga in the Park to begin first Monday at 6pm in June – September at Woodland Park.

Tai Chi in the Park began this month on Saturday mornings at Woodland Park.

Reports:

Park Board Superintendent: Rich Powell

Rich Powell reported:

Mowing grass, pulling weeds and keep up with maintenance. Received second truck that was approved last year that was on order.

School Board Liaison's Report

Member Tina Adams:

School Board had special meeting last week for the bond. Next public meeting is May 23rd.

Imagine Griffith

Val Wotkun:

Town-wide garage sale has over 170 houses signed up. Imagine Griffith will post the garage sale signs and then remove on Monday or Tuesday after the garage sale. All town flowers have been planted. Most Adopt-a Spots have been cleaned up. Looking for someone to maintain the spot at Lake and Bike Trail.

Tree Committee

Tim Diamond:

Working with NIPSCO on a native Indiana plants pollination plan. Nipsco needed to cut down trees close to the pipeline a few years ago, however is in favor of native plants along the trail. There is a organization, CISMA, who goes out and looks for invasive species plants, and then will goes out to remove the plants. They will be involved with the tree committee. Tim is working with UIC and Nipsco for potential grant money for the pollination plan.

Finance Report

Tim Diamond:

On budget as of May. Park Board will receive tax levy money in June toward the working budget. In June, the parks department will receive the tax revenue of the town portion of appropriation of funds. We will get a reduction in funds with the circuit breaker.

Business From the Board:**Unfinished Business****Grant/Tot Park:**

The ADA compliant drinking fountain is on order. Basketball court needed a foundation to support new surface. Original bid did not include proposal for foundation, it was assumed the foundation was in appropriate shape. Tim Diamond motioned for approval of change order for \$18,306.62 for the addition of a foundation. Daniel Perez seconded the motion. Motioned carried. Tim Diamond asked for approval for a change order of \$619.00 for a 6-gallon electrical water heater to match the specs for the mop sink at Tot Park. Member Daniel Perez made a motion to approve the change order; member Tina Adams second the motion, Motion carried. The playground, pavilion and basketball court are scheduled to be completed in late June. Skate plaza portion is scheduled to be completed around August or September.

Central Park Youth Baseball Project:

Working with engineering firm on the buildings, electrical meters to reduce costs, fencing companies, etc. to come up with a bid package to present to the park board. Project is to include replacement of dugouts, infield and outfield, change fencing, remodel building interior, and ease of all park fields maintenance is part of the project. Damaged pole and lighting were to be replaced at Babe Ruth field in May. The ~ \$14,000 replacement was deemed not cost effective for only 2 months of use.

Woodland Park:

Working bid package to replace dated equipment, adding soft surface, and making handicap accessible.

New Business:

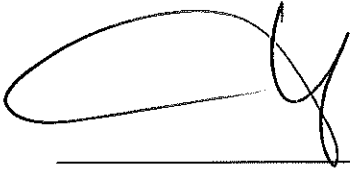
Working on pollination plants grants, tree inventory committee, working on grant that could potentially help the town replacing trees. Potentially changing drinking fountains on the bike trail, parks and pickleball court. Public works is assessing water lines for placement of the drinking fountains.

Business from the floor:**Unfinished Business**

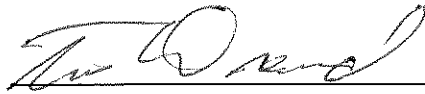
New Business:

Val Wotkun, Park Full of Art is celebrating its 50th year in July.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm

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Lori Rose, Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Diamond' in a cursive style.

Tim Diamond, President Parks Department