

## Griffith Parks and Recreation Broad Minutes June 2024

June 10, 2024

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, Daniel Perez, Tony Terzarial, Tina Adams

Dan Rodriguez-absent

Member Daniel Perez made a motion to approve the May 2024 minutes, second by member Tony Terzarial motioned carried.

Member Daniel Perez read the claims in the amount of \$506,628.71. A large portion of this amount is for Tot Park and will be refunded from the grant. Tina Adams made a motion to approve the claims; Tony Terzarial second the motion, Motion carried.

### **Announcements:**

1. The next Park Board meeting will be held July 8th 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](mailto:griffithpark@griffith.in.gov)

### **Correspondence:**

Yoga in the Park to begin Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in June – September at Woodland Park. Tai Chi in the Park began this month on Saturday mornings at Woodland Park. Both events are free to the public.

### **Reports:**

#### **Park Board Superintendent:**

Rich Powell: absent

#### **School Board Liaison's Report**

Member Tina Adams

Griffith had its 100<sup>th</sup> graduating class on June 6th. Keynote speakers are Karen Kulinski from the Historical Society and Gary Sutton. YMCA is doing their own renovations while the HVAC project is in process. The Board has gotten several bids for the upcoming pool project. Wadsworth pods have been removed. The district has added a registrar and has been able to have online signups for returning students.

#### **Imagine Griffith**

No report this month

#### **Tree Committee**

Tree committee did not meet this month.

**Finance Report**

Tim Diamond

72% of the budget remains.

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

The basketball court, pavilion and playground should be finished by the end of June. Waiting on Perma-Seal to put the surface down on the courts. Once sealed can put up the nets. Pavilion needs locks on doors and a few things and will be completed. Playground structures are up and once set in place, will be able to use. Skate Plaza construction started today (June 10<sup>th</sup>). And scheduled to be complete mid-July. Will have ribbon cutting ceremony once park is completed.

**Griffith Baseball Field Project:**

Tony Terzarial has been having renovation discussions and the project is moving at a slower pace than originally anticipated. The Board will be discussing with the engineering firm a smaller project to replace lighting the Babe Ruth field for this fall. Discussions with the current engineering firm is to progress swifter, or will need to look into moving on with another engineering firm.

**New Business**

Daniel Perez: During the Study Session the board discussed the open bids for Woodland Park playground. The board received 4 bids, and made a motion to turn that over to the engineering firm, Lochmueller Group, to review and give the board a recommendation. Project will include new playground equipment with soft surface and handicap accessibility. The lowest and most responsive bidder is Sinclair Recreation with a total bid of \$299,850. Tony Terzarial made a motion to use Sinclair Recreation for the Woodland Park playground. Tina Adams second the motion, Motion carried.

**Business from the floor:**

Tony Terzarial addressed Kyle Hecht's question if Griffith Youth Baseball can play at Central Park in the fall. The board decided GYB should move forward with their fall season. Mr Hecht's concern is the lighting at the Babe Ruth field. Tony suggested meeting with Griffith Public Schools to see if GYB can use their baseball field. Mr Hecht acknowledged that GPS has been extremely accommodating to GYB. Tony explained that the lighting portion at Babe Ruth field will be over \$50,000, which causes the process time to lengthen. During this project, the board is changing the contour of the fields, which will affect the placement of the lighting. Floor made suggestions for the lighting, which the board is unable to accommodate for legalities and safety reasons.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lori Rose', written over a horizontal line.

Lori Rose, Recording Secretary

*Tim Diamond*

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Tim Diamond, President Parks Department