

Griffith Parks and Recreation Broad Minutes July 2024

July 8, 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 Tony Terzarial made a motion to approve the June minutes, second by member Tina Adams, motioned carried.

Member Dan Perez read the claims in the amount of \$397,456. Member Dan Perez made a motion to approve the claims; member Tony Terzarial second the motion, Motion carried.

Announcements:

1. The next Park Board meeting will be held August 12th 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:

Reports:

Park Board Superintendent: Rich Powell

Rich Powell absent. Bathrooms were vandalized at Cheever Park. A police report was made. Softball had a port a john damaged and they had it removed. Tim Diamond acknowledged a church that came out over the weekend and cleaned up in some of the parks.

School Board Liaison's Report

Member Tina Adams

Ribbon cutting for Wadsworth addition will be August 1st. Social Studies academic club were runners up at state.

Imagine Griffith

Val Wotkun: Flowers are growing well that the committee planted.

Tree Committee

Working on recommended tree list, in drafting process. All trees will be native to the area.

Finance Report

Tim Diamond 60% of budget is left for the remaining of the year.

Business From the Board:

Unfinished Business

Grant/Tot Park

Skate ramps are almost complete. Playground surface was poured today. The park is on schedule to be finished by the end of the month. NIPSCO will be installing lines to the pavilion. Bathrooms are ADA complaint and the parking lot will be repaved with a handicap parking spot.

Griffith Youth Baseball:

Working on DNR grant for the project that is due on August 1st. This will allow to fee use some money from the bonds for other projects. Moving forward with the portion of the project to install lighting at Babe Ruth field. Tentatively to start replacing the light structures in fall and to be completed in Spring of 2025. Engineering company has completed the proposal. The board is waiting for the final cost of the project, then can move forward.

Discussions are being had about lighting at both the major and minor fields. Drawings will be sent to the board in a few weeks, then can discuss next steps. The board is waiting to receive the architectural drawing for the entire baseball field renovation project.

Woodland Park:

Sinclair Company will be tentatively starting the playground project in September. Posted drawing park on social media.

Cheever Park:

The board is discussing the condition of the walking path at Cheever Parks. Portions of the walking path have been removed for the project at Wadsworth as well as making the path more passable. Currently reviewing designs for ADA complaint walking path as well as parking.

New Business

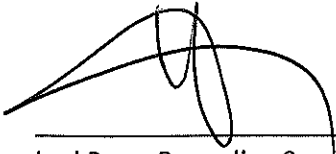
Business from the floor:

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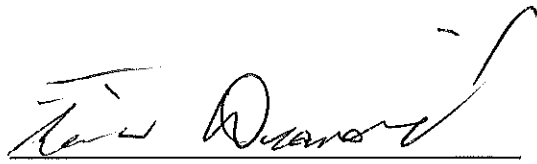
Val Wotkun discussed with an arborist the condition of one of the tulip trees at Central Park. Possibly a root or trunk issue. Val and her group will examine the tree to see if they can find out more. Val also asked if there is a way to install a water supply for those trees. Val asked when the War Memorial will be cleaned up, a parks department employee commented that it was cleaned up and mulched earlier this week. She also inquired about the town owning a stump grinder and if it can be used on the trees that were cut down at the base and sticking up.

Jim Masters voiced his concerns of the current condition of the bike trail. Tim Diamond is in communication with NIRPC and the future of the trails. NIRPC will be meeting in November to discuss if they will allow grants or matching funds to maintain the bike trails.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm



Lori Rose, Recording Secretary



Tim Diamond, President Parks Department