

Griffith Parks and Recreation Broad Minutes December 2024

December 9, 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, Tina Adams

Tony Terzarial - absent

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

Member Daniel Perez read the claims in the amount of \$133,548.90. 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 January, 13th 2025 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:

Richard Underkoffler asked if the Parks Department would like to be a part of a town garden and nursery at St Timothy's Church.

Karen Kulinski from the Historical Society sent a big thank you for letting them borrow tables from us for the train depot.

Reports:

Park Board Superintendent:

Rich Powell reported they have been mulching leaves. Six volunteers made greenery for the pots downtown and will install on December 10th. Tony Terzarial organized volunteers to decorate the poles in downtown Griffith.

School Board Liaison's Report:

Member Tina Adams: BakerTiley gave financial presentation. The teachers contract for 2024-2025 was approved. Next meeting this Thursday December 12th.

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No report

Tree Committee:

No Report. Tim Diamond will connect the committee with Timothy Skimina from St Tomothy's Church, regarding the tree nursery and community garden.

Finance Report

Tim Diamond budget is on track for the end of this year.

Business From the Board:**Unfinished Business****Babe Ruth Field**

Sweeny Electric has been appointed to work on electricity for the poles at Babe Ruth field. Trenches are currently being dug for the electrical installation. Working estimated time to have poles delivery has been moved to January.

Cheever Light Pole Retirement:

NIPSCO will remove retired poles at no charge. Repairs on remaining poles will be made as needed. NIPSCO will rewire at a charge in areas where poles will not be replaced.

Cheever Park Engineering:

Bid package is still under discussion. Approval to move forward with engineering firm is tabled until next month's meeting.

Little Cal Basin Funds:

Board was able to receive funding for 18 trees for our parks. Eight have been planted at Tot Park. Ten will be planted at Cheever Park.

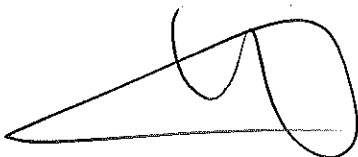
New Business**Business from the floor:****Unfinished Business:**

None

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Timothy Skimina from St Tomothy's Church introduced himself and spoke more about the community garden and nursery the church is envisioning

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm



Lori Rose, Recording Secretary,



Tim Diamond, President Parks Department