

## Griffith Parks and Recreation Broad Minutes January 2025

January 13, 2025

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, Tim O'Brien

Absent - Tony Terzarial

President Tim Diamond introduced new Park Board member Tim O'Brien.

Elections of officers:

Daniel Perez made a motion to nominate Tim Diamond as Park Board president, second by member Tina Adams, Tim Diamond accepted the nomination, motioned carried.

Tina Adams made a motion to nominate Daniel Perez as Park Board vice president, second by member Tim O'Brien, Daniel Perez accepted the nomination, motioned carried.

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

Member Daniel Perez read the claims in the amount of \$22,742.16, Member Daniel Perez made a motion to approve the claims; member Tim O'Brien second the motion, Motion carried.

### Announcements:

1. The next Park Board meeting will be held February 10th 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:

None

### Reports:

#### Park Board Superintendent: Rich Powell

Rich Powell reported

Department working on snow removal. Finished up leaf mulching. Serviced all the trucks, now onto servicing equipment.

#### School Board Liaison's Report

Member Tina Adams

Reassignment of Borad members. Last week had finance meeting. Frozen Jr play January 31-February 2<sup>nd</sup>. February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm next school board meeting.

**Imagine Griffith**

Val Wotkun

40 Christmas trees sponsored in town. All trees have been taken down and funds raised will purchase supplies for the animal shelter.

**Tree Committee**

Would like some input on what kind of trees Parks Board would like to plant before they apply with Communitree. The deadline is February 7<sup>th</sup>.

They are discussing moving forward with St Timothy's church and their tree nursery and community garden. The church is an acceptable place to plant the tree nursery. The consortium will need assistance picking up trees and delivering to the church on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Pollination plan, there will be some seeding in the spring.

**Finance Report**

Tim Diamond

Bank is finalizing the books for 2024. Budget should be available next meeting.

**Babe Ruth Field**

No updates from the DNR grant. Working on lighting, meeting scheduled with engineering firm on Thursday.

**Cheever Park**

Working with NIPSCO on retiring poles on north end. Will need to pay for rewiring of existing poles.

**Business From the Board:****Unfinished Business****New Business:**

March will be time to sign the sports leases.

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

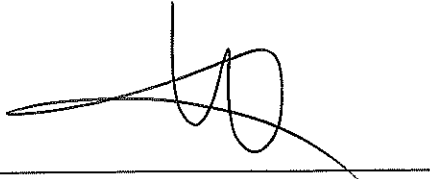
Marco Martinez thanked Parks for maintaining the Memorial at Central Park this summer.

**Griffith Girls Softball:**

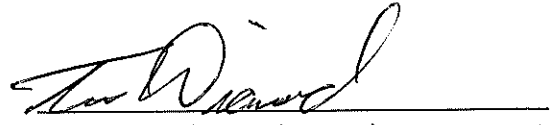
Marco Martinez, wants to start lease March 15<sup>th</sup>. He is aware that water will not be turned on until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Junior field is having issues with the lighting of the field. Cheever Park field need dirt to fill the field.

Val Wotkun mentioned one of the memorial trees is not in good shape and if there are funds to replace it if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

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Lori Rose, Recording Secretary

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Tim Diamond, President Parks Department