

INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting November 20, 2019

Ash Youth Center

1501 N. 10th Street

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christy Mavers
Ron Goins
Joe Cooley
Tony Turner
Tony Holmes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Julian
Lori Bromley
Nick McBride
Jim Butts
Galen Palmer
Aspen Sharpe

Christy Mavers opened the commission meeting at 11:29 a.m.

ROUTINE

Agenda

The agenda was amended in order to move III. A. Aspen Sharpe's report for the soccer complex and III. B. Contract for New Soccer Complex up under Routine Business as well as moving IV. Executive Session up under III. A and B. Ron Goins moved to approve the agenda as amended. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Bills

Ron Goins moved to approve the November 2019 bills and checks for payment in the amount of \$20,624.74 and the bills paid since the last meeting in the amount of \$13,484.07. Tony Holmes seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

Galen Palmer reported the following bank balances as of October 31, 2019: First Oak Bank – Checking: \$5,432.92; First Oak Bank – Petty Cash: \$500.00; and Equity Bank – Savings: \$250,609.72. Tony Turner moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Soccer Fundraiser/Aspen Sharpe

Aspen Sharpe was present to discuss her fundraising progress with the commissioners and update them on the upcoming Fun Run and Turkey Trot on November 28th at the Park oval. Aspen read a speech she had prepared for the board and informed them she had watched the last city commission meeting discussing the land for the new soccer complex. Aspen stated she was disappointed it was taking so long as she feels the softball fields are in bad shape and soccer should not be played on them. The board thanked Apsen for coming and assured her that they are moving forward as quickly as possible on

the project; however it will be time consuming and completed in several phases. Joe Cooley invited Aspen to speak at a Lion's Club meeting in the near future to further discuss the soccer complex.

Contract for New Soccer Complex

Brent updated the board on the last city commission meeting he attended and the fact they have approved the land for IRC to eventually construct a new soccer complex on. Brent informed the board that attorney Jeff Chubb has developed a contract between IRC and the City of Independence to move forward on the agreement. The contract basically states that IRC will be given use of the land between the skate park and the west ball fields on Park St. to use for the complex. The contract states that IRC will assume responsibility for mowing the skate park area but not maintaining any of its equipment. The contract gives approval for surveys and development to begin in two stages, first for planning and secondly for construction. Brent stated that if the Independence Recreation commissioners approve the contract, it will then be taken to the city commission meeting on December 12th for their approval. Christy Mavers stated that she is satisfied with the contract and asked if any board member had concerns or questions. Ron Goins moved to approve the soccer complex contract between IRC and the City of Independence. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session

Christy Mavers moved to adjourn into an executive session at 11:52 a.m. for approximately fifteen minutes. The meeting re-convened at 12:05 p.m.

PROGRAM/OPERATIONS

Maintenance Report

Jim Butts answered any questions the board had on the maintenance report. Christy Mavers stated that she would like to see some leveling off on Clark James field on Park St like was done on Emerson field. Christy asked Brent to get a quote from TLC on doing the job. Jim stated that the sooner the better before winter hits. Jim stated that he requested gravel for the Sinclair field parking lot from the City and they put it on their to-do list. Christy recommended Jim get together a wish list for the ball fields on any items needed for improvement.

Programs Report

Nick McBride answered any questions the board had on the programs report. Christy Mavers asked Nick how the draft changes went that the board had previously recommended. Nick stated that the coaches did utilize the information that they were given, especially in the senior girl's league and somewhat in JV boys. Joe Cooley stated that the coaches in JV boys knew most of the kids anyway. Brent stated that the deadline for middle school basketball is December 17th so IRC must be done by that date due to school rules.

Directors Report

IRC Director, Brent Julian, answered any questions the board had on the director/aquatics report. A discussion was held on the drainage situation out on Emerson and Volunteer field on 10th Street and the leveling off of the fields that has helped the drainage problem.

BUSINESS/FINANCE

Employee Holiday Bonus

Brent requested an annual holiday bonus for all full-time and permanent part-time recreational employees. Brent stated that he is requesting \$300 for full-time staff and \$100 for part-time staff, for a grand total of \$2,000.00. Christy Mavers recommended adjourning into an executive session to further discuss holiday bonuses. Holiday Bonuses were approved as discussed in executive session.

RBFAC Year-End Meeting

The year-end meeting between IRC and the City of Independence regarding Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center was tabled until the December meeting.

Items from the Commission

There were no Items from the Commission

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner
Secretary