

# INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

*Monthly Meeting February 19, 2020*

*Ash Youth Center*

*1501 N. 10<sup>th</sup>*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christy Mavers  
Ron Goins  
Tony Turner  
Joe Cooley

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Julian  
Lori Bromley  
Jim Butts  
Nick McBride  
Galen Palmer

Christy Mavers opened the commission meeting at 11:30 a.m.

## ROUTINE

### **Agenda**

The agenda was amended to add D. Tree removal bids for soccer complex under III. Business/Finance. Tony Turner moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Minutes**

Ron Goins moved to approve the board minutes from the January 15, 2020 board meeting. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Bills**

Tony Turner moved to approve the February 2020 bills and checks for payment in the amount of \$6,410.96 as well as the bills and employee benefits paid since the last board meeting in the amount of \$28,728.60. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Galen Palmer presented the following bank balances as of January 31, 2020: First Oak Bank – Checking: \$35,838.23; First Oak Bank – Petty Cash: \$500.00; and Equity Bank – Savings: \$93,718.55. Ron Goins moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

## PROGRAM/OPERATIONS

### **Maintenance Report**

Jim Butts reviewed and answered any questions the board had on the maintenance report. Ron Goins asked how the walk-thru at Riverside Beach went with city staff and Jim stated it went really well as they toured the facility including shower rooms, pump room etc. Jim stated that they city agreed to help replace a pump, strainer and valve as well as painting the shower rooms and a new large umbrella. Brent said that the meeting went well and now the bidding process will begin on the painting and

umbrella. Ron asked Jim if TLC had started the maintenance on the ball fields on Park St yet and Jim stated they had not.

### **Programs Report**

Nick McBride answered any questions the board had on the programs report. A discussion was held on the upcoming All-star basketball tournaments in Independence and Neodesha for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. Christy Mavericks asked Nick about Co-ed volleyball and Nick stated they should begin that season around the end of March.

### **Director's Report**

Brent Julian answered any questions the board had on the director/aquatics report. A discussion was held on the upcoming summer activities such as swim team, swim lessons and tennis as well as the hiring and training of lifeguards.

## **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

### **Senior Dances Contract**

Brent informed the board that ICC West called and indicated that they plan to raise the rates of IRC's rental fees for senior dances to \$2,400 per year and would like IRC to sign a contract. Brent stated that IRC has funded the dances for seniors 55+ for several years now and they are held on two Friday evenings per month. Brent reached out to Nancy Boles' who is in charge of managing the dances, and Nancy stated they are still very successful and she hopes IRC will continue to support them. Brent stated that ICC West does not set up or clean up after the dances, that Nancy and her staff do all of it. Brent feels it is a good program and would like to keep it but feels like ICC doubling the rental fee is a little steep. Ron Goins suggested the board think about it and reach out to other community members for other possible options. Ron stated that Brent should pay for March fees if needed while a decision is made. The board agreed to table until the March meeting.

### **Ball field Turf Maintenance**

Brent presented the board with bids for ball field turf maintenance from both TLC and Michael Clarke. Brent stated that these bids include spraying and fertilizing turf for all seven ball fields. Brent stated that TLC does most of the mowing on the fields now and their bid came in at \$8,262 for the year and Michael Clarke came in at \$7,625. The board agreed that they would like to continue with TLC since they are local and have done a good job so far. Ron Goins suggested getting TLC to combine their mowing fees with the fertilizing and come up with a discount. Brent stated he did not have the mowing figures in front of him but he could get them and would be happy to contact Jack at TLC for a possible discount. The board suggested that Jim could hire an extra field hand this summer to help with mowing if it would save money. Brent agreed, but stated the professionals do such a good job but understands IRC needs to stay under budget. The board agreed and stated that IRC has spent a lot of money with TLC and hopefully they are willing to negotiate. Ron Goins moved to approve allowing Brent to reach a deal with TLC for under \$8262.00 per year for spraying and fertilizing all seven ball fields. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Additional Retractable Basketball Goals**

A discussion was held on a previous request from the commission that Brent get bids on two additional retractable basketball goals for the Ash Center gymnasium. Brent informed the board that he received a bid from BSN Sports for two push-button retractable goals for the total amount of \$19,650. Brent

stated that will include installation but not the electrical hook up. At this time the board members joined Brent in the gymnasium for a tour and ideas on where the additional goals should be placed. Tony Turner suggested putting each goal in the center of the gym one on the north side and the other on the south. The board unanimously agreed that Brent needed to obtain more information before a final decision is made. Joe Cooley moved to table the purchase of the retractable goals until further information is gathered. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Tree Removal Bids for Soccer Complex**

Brent informed the commission that he and Nick attended a city meeting recently to finalize the soccer complex contract and get permission to start moving forward. Brent stated the first step is to clear the area of trees and brush so he and Jim obtained three bids on the job. Brent stated that the first bid came from Dozier's for \$80,000, the second from Brewer's for \$45,000 and thirdly from Jay Bruening for \$24,000. Brent stated that this is for tree removal only and will not include any dirt work. Ron Goins stated that he feels like the dirt work will be just as much if not more than tree removal and it would be good to know beforehand what to expect. The board agreed that they would like Jay Bruening to go ahead and give another bid including the dirt work since he had the lowest bid by far they would prefer to use him. Ron suggested also talking to TLC about prepping and seeding the field once the dirt work is finished. Brent agreed it would be good to know the numbers in advance. Christy Mavers stated that she is concerned how the city will react; she feels they may want to know about the concrete work in advance as well. Ron Goins asked how IRC would fund a half million dollar complex. Brent stated the goal right now is to just get started by doing one project at a time and trying to absorb the cost as much as possible; at some point IRC would probably have to look at getting a business loan for restrooms, a concession stand and parking lots. Ron Goins moved to table any action for tree removal at the soccer complex until bids are received for dirt work. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Executive Session**

There was no need for an Executive Session

### **Items from the Commission**

Ron Goins           \*Stated that IRC has been making good progress towards certain projects and goals lately and feels good about the steps moving forward.

### **Agreement for Action on Items from the Commission**

No agreement for action on items.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner  
Secretary