

# INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

*Monthly Meeting March 18, 2020*

*Ash Youth Center*

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

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christy Mavers  
Ron Goins  
Tony Turner  
Joe Cooley  
Tony Holmes

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brent Julian  
Lori Bromley  
Jim Butts  
Nick McBride  
Galen Palmer

Christy Mavers opened the commission meeting at 11:31 a.m.

## **ROUTINE**

### **Agenda**

The agenda was amended to add A. Corona Virus Update under III. Business/Finance and move all other agenda items under business down accordingly. Ron Goins moved to approve the agenda as amended. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Minutes**

Ron Goins moved to approve the board minutes from the February 19, 2020 board meeting. Tony Holmes seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Bills**

Joe Cooley moved to approve the March 2020 bills and checks for payment in the amount of \$14,583.26 as well as the bills and employee benefits paid since the last board meeting in the amount of \$3,206.43. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Galen Palmer presented the following bank balances as of February 29, 2020: First Oak Bank – Checking: \$171,777.40; First Oak Bank – Petty Cash: \$500.00; and Equity Bank – Savings: \$246,290.30. Tony Holmes moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## **PROGRAM/OPERATIONS**

### **Maintenance Report**

Jim Butts reviewed and answered any questions the board had on the maintenance report. Joe Cooley asked Jim if he could get the trash bins set back up on Park St ball fields and Jim stated that he would.

Christy Mavers asked about the clean-up on Park St and Jim stated that he's been clearing leaves and debris but the rain has held him up. Joe asked about TLC beginning leveling the ball fields and Brent stated they got started last week but the weather has been a problem. Christy asked about the High School baseball task force doing improvements to Emerson baseball field. Brent stated they have helped and it's been a combination of the task force, TLC, and the Rec Comm has actually played a big role in all of it. Ron asked Jim about the tarp that's down there and Brent stated he thought ICC wanted it, however if not, they would get rid of it.

### **Programs Report**

Nick McBride answered any questions the board had on the programs report. Ron Goins asked Nick how many soccer coaches showed up for his clinic that was held recently at the Ash Center. Nick stated no coaches; however he had a good turn out on the kids and thought it was a success. Nick stated that unfortunately soccer season has been canceled. Joe Cooley asked about the new pickle ball league that IRC will begin soon; Brent stated all the equipment is in and they hope to begin registrations soon. Joe asked Nick about offering youth tackle football in the fall and Nick stated that IRC definitely plans to offer it for 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grades and he is in talks with the Caney director regarding their leagues and getting Independence in.

### **Director's Report**

Brent Julian answered any questions the board had on the director/aquatics report. Brent updated the board members on two lifeguard classes IRC will offer in mid and late April instructed once again by Rob Adolf from the Pittsburg YMCA. Brent informed the board that the plan is to begin baseball/softball registrations late March and summer activities in late April unless something changes in the meantime.

## **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

### **Corona Virus Update**

Brent updated the commission on the city government policies as well as the state government policies regarding city rec activities, including the pool this summer, during the corona virus outbreak. Brent stated he is still waiting to see if he can continue to hold life guarding classes as planned. Brent said that IRC will continue to follow guidelines as set forth by the city, school district, as well as other recreation centers in the area. Brent informed the board that the difficult decision was made to cancel soccer season and they are waiting for a decision on baseball/softball. Christy Mavers recommended getting notifications out on the soccer cancelations as soon as possible through the website, Facebook page etc... Brent stated that he would like for most participants to roll their soccer registrations over into another sport later in the season, but we will work with all those preferring refunds and so forth. The board agreed the Ash Center should remain locked during work hours with office staff only performing essential duties, Brent stated his main concern is for mail delivery, UPS etc... The board agreed that Brent should continue to follow the city and school guidelines at this time. Brent stated that IRC would re-evaluate baseball season as well as all summer activities, including the pool, once more information is available.

### **Audit**

Brent discussed the 2019 audit with the commission and answered any questions. Brent informed board members that Yerkes & Michels, CPA would come and present the audit to them if so desired. The board did not think that was necessary at this time. Christy asked the other board members if they were ok continuing to use Yerkes & Michels as we have done in the past. Christy stated she was ok with

it as long as they send different auditors each year and change things up. Brent stated they do send a variety of staff in here and look over a different assortment of items each year. The board agreed to renew the contract with Yerkes & Michels, CPA for the 2020 audit.

### **Indoor Pool**

Brent informed the board that the new pool pump is in from Thomas Pump Supply and has been installed. Brent stated they saved the used pump and will keep it as a back-up.

### **New Soccer Complex**

Brent updated the board members on where things are at regarding the new soccer complex and explained that city personnel are requesting he go through the Kansas Corps of Engineers as well as the Kansas Dept of Agriculture due to the complex being located in a flood zone. Brent stated that he has received the following estimates as the board requested: tree remover \$25,000; sodding fields \$39,000; estimation of \$100,00 for concession/restroom area; Brent is still waiting on the concrete and dirt work bids and hopes to have them in the near future. Brent stated that hopefully all in IRC is looking at \$165,000 and then the addition of dirt and concrete. Ron Goins stated that he was curious how IRC is going to fund this project on their own. Brent stated he is looking at several different options for the project; he's been in communication with the Mayor, Leonard Cafilisch, to see if he would bring it before the city commission for some possible help, and he is also looking at some different grants that may be able help and then probably getting a short-term loan for the completion of the concessions and restrooms.

### **Ash Center Goal Updates**

Brent informed the board that he received the bids to install two retractable basketball goals for the Ash Center gym as previously discussed. Brent stated that the goals will cost \$19,750 installed from BSN Sports. Brent stated he was concerned with the installation process so he feels spending the additional \$7,800 with BSN for them to take care of it is worth it. The board unanimously agreed it was a good idea to let BSN do the entire project. Brent informed the board that the two existing goals in the Ash Center gym are in need of some work as well, they are getting very difficult for supervisors to raise and lower constantly. The board agreed it would be necessary to get some maintenance done on the existing goals in the near future as well. Tony Turner moved to approve the purchase and installation of two retractable basketball goals for \$19,750 from BSN Sports. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **RBFAC Updates**

Brent wanted the commission to know that the city has been working hard at Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center. Brent stated the city did request that IRC go ahead and purchase the necessary paint and picnic tables, and they would go in the totals at the end of the year for possible reimbursement. Brent stated that some of the projects the city has been working on include, new concrete in the lazy river, the pumps and strainer being repaired and slides being cleaned up. Brent stated a new large umbrella has also recently been ordered. Brent stated he plans to get with the city soon to discuss an opening date.

### **Contract for Maintaining Arco Complex**

Brent feels at this time there is no reason to move forward on the contract for maintaining the Arco Complex on south 10<sup>th</sup> St, due to the fact the high school season has been cancelled. Brent stated IRC spent \$8,400 with TLC last year to maintain complex and that fee has went down to \$7,500 for this year.

Brent said the \$7,500 would include leaf clean-up, mowing twice per week, edging and spraying for both Emerson and Volunteer ball fields. Brent stated he wasn't sure if IRC should spend the money if there will be no games played there this summer and would like to discuss with Jack from TLC before a final decision is made. Ron Goins moved to table the Arco Complex maintenance agreement with TLC until the April meeting. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Executive Session**

There was no need for an Executive Session

### **Items from the Commission**

Christy Mavers \*Suggested following the CDC guidelines on meetings, possibly doing the April board meeting by conference call.

\*Asked Brent to send updates and any cancelations or closures to the board prior to the public so they are informed first.

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

No agreement for action on items.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner  
Secretary