

INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting April 15, 2020

Ash Youth Center

1501 N. 10th

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christy Mavers
Ron Goins
Tony Turner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Julian
Lori Bromley

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

ROUTINE

Agenda

Ron Goins moved to approve the agenda as printed. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Ron Goins moved to approve the board minutes from the March 18, 2020 board meeting. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bills

Tony Turner moved to approve the April 2020 bills and checks for payment in the amount of \$3,452.03 as well as the bills and employee benefits paid since the last board meeting in the amount of \$16,485.89. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Christy Mavers presented the treasurers report during Galen Palmer's absence. Christy reported the following bank balances as of March 31, 2020: First Oak Bank – Checking: \$125,338.65; First Oak Bank – Petty Cash: \$500.00; and Equity Bank – Savings: \$246,318.56. Ron Goins moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

BUSINESS/FINANCE

Park St. Fields

Brent reported to the board that the Sports Complex on Park St. is still under construction. Brent stated that TLC is still working on the fields and because of the pandemic things are moving slower than normal; TLC is only using three or four workers per day. Brent stated the sod has been laid on Clark James and Sinclair fields as well as being re-set. Brent also informed the board members that TLC is

currently working on the mound on Jaycee field and is in the process of leveling all the fields. Brent informed Jack of TLC that city rec will continue to mow the fields at the current time unless something changes in the near future. Brent said that overall he is happy with the work TLC is doing. Tony Turner asked Brent about the city using Park complex as a dumpster site for the program to beautify the city. Brent stated that it has been somewhat a hassle as the public is using IRC's dumpster as well as the dumpster that the city placed down there and it's been a little bit of a mess. Ron Goins suggested turning the IRC dumpster over so there is no access. Brent stated that he could get a hold of someone from the city but believes they are stopping the dumping process and are now allowing the public to take unwanted items to the city sanitation yard instead. Ron stated that he does not feel it is necessary to manicure the fields at this time due to the pandemic and the season being up in the air so to speak. Brent stated that Jim Butts is coming in and mowing three days per week as it is considered essential and he is outdoors. Brent informed the commission that IRC would like to offer baseball/softball this summer if given the opportunity, even if it is a smaller season than is normally held. The board agreed that if possible IRC needs to have baseball season, but will depend on the decisions the governor makes in the next few weeks.

Ash Center Projects

Brent stated that Woods Lumber is doing a wonderful job on the tile floors in the Ash Center commons area. Brent stated they are currently about 60% complete and their employees have been very respectful and have worked very hard. Ron informed the board that he believes Woods will be done in the next couple of days. Ron suggested that Brent get rid of the old basketball arcade game that no longer works and takes up a lot of space and it may be something that could be broken down and taken to the sanitation yard. Brent reported to the board that the other projects going on at the Ash Center include courts going up for pickle ball, one court is already complete. IRC is also waiting on BSN Sports to open back up and complete IRC's order for the new retractable basketball goals for the gymnasium. They have been ordered and are now waiting for installation. Brent stated that the indoor pool is running great and the chemical levels have been perfect. Ron suggested Paula come in during the off hours and polishes the new tile floors once they are completed.

Plans for Moving Forward

Brent informed the commission that he is currently waiting on Governor Kelly's decision as to when to open the state back up as well as the City's and until then his hands are really tied. Brent stated that as long as IRC could start opening back up sometime in May, he is hoping to keep all full-time staff on the payroll. Brent stated if it starts running later than May, he may have to look at unemployment for some of the hourly employees. Christy Mavers suggested that as long as IRC is financially capable of keeping employees on the payroll they should do so, however it would be nice if some maintenance, painting, cleaning etc... could get done while things are closed. Brent stated that he could have employees come in a few at a time and keep social distance or work outside on projects. Brent stated he needs help with the second pickle ball court as well as painting the press boxes on Park St.

RBFAC Updates

Brent stated that he has spoken to Dave Cowen with the City of Independence, and they hope to make a decision on Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center sometime next week after the governor makes her decision. Brent stated that as of right now IRC cannot train any lifeguards and if that doesn't change pretty quickly, it probably won't happen.

Brent informed the board members that even though there are certified returning guards coming back each year, it will not be enough; new guards need to be trained and certified each year as well. Brent stated that if the city wants to open Memorial Day weekend as planned he will need to have an answer by the end of April.

Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session

Items from the Commission

Christy Mavers *Asked Brent to please keep the board informed on important issues such as the pool and baseball season before informing the public; let the board know so they are prepared.

Tony Turner *Suggested trying the Zoom app for the May meeting if social distancing guidelines are still in place. Brent stated he would try to figure it out by then.

Agreement for Action on Items from the Commission

No agreement for action on items.

Adjournment

Ron Goins moved to adjourn the meeting. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Christy Mavers adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner
Secretary