

INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting May 20, 2020

Ash Youth Center

1501 N. 10th

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christy Mavers
Ron Goins
Tony Turner
Tony Holmes
Joe Cooley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Julian
Lori Bromley
Nick McBride
Jim Butts

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

ROUTINE

Agenda

Tony Turner moved to approve the agenda as printed. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes

Ron Goins moved to approve the board minutes from the April 15, 2020 board meeting. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Bills

Tony Holmes moved to approve the May 2020 bills and checks for payment in the amount of \$26,211.97 as well as the bills and employee benefits paid since the last board meeting in the amount of \$17,552.91. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

Christy Mavers presented the treasurers report during Galen Palmer's absence. Christy reported the following bank balances as of April 30, 2020: First Oak Bank – Checking: \$79,814.57; First Oak Bank – Petty Cash: \$500.00; and Equity Bank – Savings: \$246,353.89. Ron Goins moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS/FINANCE

Park St. Fields

Brent reported to the board that he received a bid from Iron Works on the new stairway for Sinclair field press box and that it should be installed this summer. Brent also stated that there is a lot of electrical work still needing to be done on the Sports Complex on Park St., including an electrical platform built

above flood level. Brent stated that Jaycee and Bi-centennial fields are playable with lights; however Clarke James and Sinclair fields are not. Brent stated he has approached the city for help but they are still waiting to hear about FEMA assistance at this time. Brent stated that the city received a bid from Blankinship Electric in the amount of \$49,000 to do the entire project; however Brent wants to reach out to Travis Blankinship and get a bid solely for Sinclair field and feels it can be done for approximately \$7,500. Christy Mavers stated that she is concerned if IRC cannot do some of the night games needed for the summer season and feels the city should be willing to help since it is their fields. Brent agreed but stated his hands are tied at this point. Christy asked about where the city is on the ADA issues and Brent stated they have flattened the gravel areas on Park St recently. Christy recommended Brent go ahead with the bid from Blankinship on Sinclair field lighting and in the meantime speak to Lacy Lies with the city regarding ways to fund the rest of the electrical issues on Park St in the future.

Ash Center Updates

Brent stated that BSN Sports has not opened back up yet so the retractable basketball goals for the Ash Center are still on hold but he has been in contact with the salesperson, Alex at BSN, and they will get things scheduled for installation as soon as possible. Brent informed the board that the new tile floors in the Ash Center are complete and will be waxed as soon as feasible, as it is best to wait 4-6 weeks before waxing.

Re-Opening Plans

Brent informed the commission that because the governor changed the re-opening phases once again that as of May 22nd rules will allow for up to 15 participants to gather and will then go to 45 for mass gatherings as of June 1st. Brent stated that IRC will go ahead and start registrations for baseball, softball, tennis and swim lessons. Brent informed the board members that they plan to open the city pool on June 22nd as well as start the baseball/softball games that week. Brent stated tennis session dates will begin June 8th and July 6th, swim lesson dates will be July 6th and July 20th. Brent stated that IRC may not be able to offer swim team this summer due to lack of competition from the other SEK communities that normally participate, but are not able to this year due to the pandemic. Brent stated that he will meet with instructor, Kathy Clapp, about moving forward and possibly offering practice only. Ron Goins stated he thought baseball and softball could begin prior to June 22nd and it would be nice to offer the kids an activity sooner rather than later. Christy agreed but stated that IRC still needs to consider social distancing and the governor's guidelines. Brent stated that for every parent that is ready for the season to begin just as many are concerned and would rather wait. Brent stated that IRC is definitely getting things going with registrations, drafts, schedules etc... and needs time to get things organized such as the equipment, team shirt orders, coaches selected etc... but will be ready to go by June 22nd. Christy informed Brent that she wanted the information out to the public as soon as possible and to go ahead with a press release today.

Ron Goins left the teleconference.

RBFAC Updates

Brent stated that he has met with city officials and they plan to open the pool Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center by June 22nd per Governor Kelly's re-opening phase IV plans. Brent stated that there is a lot of clean-up to begin and they will start that phase at the aquatic center on May 26th. Brent stated his main concern is staff, especially training new lifeguards on such short notice. Brent stated he will get a

hold of Rob Adolf from Pittsburg's YMCA to see if he can schedule a lifeguard certification course at the Ash Center.

Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session

Items from the Commission

Christy Mavers * The board members agreed to extend Ash Center memberships an extra two months due to the shut-down caused by the pandemic, especially to those who request it. Christy also recommended putting up hand sanitizer stations at the pool like was done at the Ash Center in March and to take all necessary cleaning precautions.

Agreement for Action on Items from the Commission

No agreement for action on items.

Adjournment

Tony Turner moved to adjourn the meeting. Tony Holmes seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Christy Mavers adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner
Secretary