

INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting & Budget Hearing July 15, 2020

*Ash Youth Center
1501 N. 10th Street*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christy Mavers
Ron Goins
Tony Holmes
Tony Turner
Joe Cooley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Julian
Lori Bromley
Nick McBride
Galen Palmer

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

ROUTINE

Agenda

Ron Goins moved to approve the agenda as presented. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes

Tony Turner moved to approve the board minutes from the June 30, 2020 meeting. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Bills

Joe Cooley moved to approve the July 2020 invoices and checks for payment as presented in the amount of \$4,313.88 as well as the payments made since the previous board meeting in the amount of \$5,412.37. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

Galen Palmer reported the following bank balances as of June 30, 2020: First Oak Bank – Checking; \$220,527.54, First Oak Bank – Petty Cash; \$500.00, Equity Bank – Savings; \$246,410.43. Ron Goins moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tony Holmes seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

BUDGET HEARING

Budget Review

Brent Julian handed out copies and reviewed the 2020-2021 budget with the commissioners and answered any questions. A discussion was held on Ad valorem taxes and the fact that the recreation commission will keep the same mills from property taxes going forward into the new fiscal year. Brent informed the board that the budget will include \$122,000 for capital improvements, \$64,000 towards the new soccer complex and \$25,000 for Ash Center improvements.

Community Input

There was no community input at the meeting.

Commission Input

The commission evaluated the 2020-2021 budget and addressed any concerns and recommendations. Christy Mavers suggested setting aside funds due to the Covid-19 concerns and the possible decline in Ad valorem taxes in the coming months. Ron Goins recommended improving the Ash Center gymnasium lights as part of the needed improvements. Brent stated that he feels it is time to refinish the gym floor as well.

PROGRAM/OPERATIONS

Maintenance Report

Brent Julian answered any questions the board had on the maintenance report in Jim Butts' absence. Brent informed the board that someone drove through the fencing at the Sports Complex on Park St and some repairs are needed. Christy asked about pool maintenance at Riverside Beach and Brent stated things are going pretty well at this time.

Programs Report

Nick McBride answered any questions the board had on the programs report. Christy Mavers asked about the possibility of make-up games for baseball /softball and Nick stated that they will be made up since we have extra time this year; hopes to finish up the season the first of August. Christy asked if coaches in the rookie girl's league should be pitching over-handed because some of them have been. Nick stated that he highly recommends they don't, however it's not in the rules. Brent stated it can be added to the official rules if necessary since they should be pitching under-handed in softball. Tony Turner asked what the plan is for tackle football in the fall. Nick stated that IRC still plans to offer it and will join the Kan-Ok football league out of Dewey, OK. Nick stated they seem very organized and knowledgeable, but there are still a lot of unknowns due to the Covid situation. Christy recommended getting the advertisement out early so enough participants sign up to have a league. Ron asked how the new pickle league was going at the Ash Center and Nick stated that it is going really well, they play three evenings per week and hold a senior league on Wednesday mornings.

Director/Special Events Report

Brent Julian answered any questions the board had on the Director and Aquatics report. Brent updated the board on registrations for fall sports as well as the current season for tennis and swim team. Brent stated that the second session of swim lessons will begin next week and is running well so far. Gloria Price continues to be the supervisor for swim lessons as she has down the past several years.

Consent Agenda

Ron Goins moved to approve the Consent Agenda A-F as printed. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS/FINANCE

Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget

Ron Goins moved to approve the fiscal year 2021 budget as presented. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

RBFAC Updates

Brent Julian informed the commission of any updates going on at Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center. Brent stated the numbers are fairly low this year with the Covid-19 concerns, with approximately 150 swimmers per day, and 300 being the max so far. Brent stated that overall things are going well at Riverside Beach and management and staff continue doing a good job.

Summer Program Updates

Brent updated the board on the baseball/softball numbers and the fact they are down this year. Brent also discussed swim lessons, swim team and tennis.

Board Member Updates

Brent gave the commission updates on their board status and reminders as to which entity they each represent and when their terms will end. Christy Mavers and Tony Holmes will both end in 2021, and Tony Turner in 2022. Ron Goins and Joe Cooley both have three years remaining on their terms.

Executive Session

There was no need for an executive session.

Items from the Commission

Joe Cooley *has received complaints that the lights once again were turned off too quickly after the ball games on Park St. the other night causing someone to trip and fall. Brent stated that all the supervisors have been told to wait at least ten minutes and then give a warning. Brent stated that he and Jim are going to start working on getting more flood lights installed. Joe stated that the baseball catcher's equipment really needs to be replaced as it is in bad shape.

Christy Mavers *asked where things are on the basketball goals for the Ash Center gym. Brent stated he is still working on it and is now looking into portable goals instead of retractable. Brent stated that the existing goals really need to be updated as well. Christy stated that she would like to see the gym lighting as well as the basketball goals updated in 2020-2021.

Agreement for Action on Items from the Commission

There was no agreement for action on items from the commission.

Ron Goins moved to adjourn the meeting. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Christy Mavers adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner,
Secretary