

# INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

*Monthly Meeting August 19, 2020*

*Ash Youth Center*

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

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christy Mavers  
Ron Goins  
Tony Turner  
Tony Holmes  
Joe Cooley

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brent Julian  
Lori Bromley  
Nick McBride  
Galen Palmer

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

## **ROUTINE**

### **Agenda**

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

### **Minutes**

Joe Cooley moved to approve the board minutes for the July 15, 2020 board meeting. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Bills**

Ron Goins moved to approve the August 2020 bills and checks for payment in the amount of \$17,630.34 as well as the bills and employee benefits paid since the last meeting in the amount of \$22,829.56. Tony Holmes seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Galen Palmer reported the following bank balances as of July 31, 2020: First Oak Bank – Checking: \$178,395.59; First Oak Bank – Petty Cash: \$500.00; and Equity Bank – Savings: \$246,445.78. Tony Holmes moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## **PROGRAM/OPERATIONS**

### **Maintenance Report**

Brent Julian reviewed the maintenance report with the board members in Jim Butts' absence and answered any questions. Brent discussed winterizing Riverside Beach with the commission.

### **Programs Report**

Nick McBride answered any questions the board had on the programs report. A discussion was held on the end of baseball and softball season and Nick stated that it went about as he expected and he received some minor complaints but overall things went well. Christy Mavers stated that she has heard good things about the 6 on 6 soccer league and that it seems to be growing, Nick stated that at some point they may need 2 or 3 fields, which are approximately 55' x 35'. Christy asked where things stand on adult softball and Nick stated that IRC did not get the participation numbers needed in order to hold the summer leagues, however he is still trying for a co-ed league this fall. Ron Goins asked about the new pickle ball league at the Ash Center and Nick stated it is going very well. The board discussed the lack of interest in a tackle football league for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders and Nick stated that the local football club hurts IRC's numbers and he is looking to maybe move to flag football overall in the future as several parents have expressed an interest in that. Nick did inform the board that any player that signed up for tackle football through IRC has the option of playing for Caney, switching over to soccer, or getting a refund.

### **Director's Report**

Brent Julian answered any questions the board had on the director/aquatics report. Brent discussed the new pickle ball league with the commission and informed them of the \$50 annual membership to play as well as the new schedule which is Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. as well as Sunday afternoons from 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Brent informed the board of the new rules at the Ash Youth Center due to Covid-19 now that school is starting again. Brent stated that masks and temperature checks will be mandatory and anyone entering the building must have a membership or sign in and pay a daily rate as staff must be able to track anyone that enters the building. Brent stated that IRC will follow school guidelines and anyone that refuses will be asked to leave the facility. Christy recommended getting the updates posted on IRC's website and Facebook page.

### **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

#### **RBFAC Closing**

Brent informed the board members that Riverside Beach closed for the season on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Brent stated that they have performed their walk-thru and are in the process of cleaning and shutting everything down. Brent stated that they lost the bowl slide during the last week due to pump failure and that it will have to be fixed next spring, other than that there were no major issues. Brent informed the commission that he hopes to have the financial documents ready to go by the September board meeting and they can discuss scheduling a city meeting at that time.

#### **Indoor Pool Handicap Lift**

Brent informed the commission that the handicap lift in the Ash Center pool has stopped working and is now obsolete. Brent stated a new battery attachment can be purchased for around \$1,500 or a complete new lift will cost approximately \$3,788 from Arlan Company. Brent stated the other bids came in at \$4,200 and \$4,000. Tony Holmes asked about the warranty and Brent stated they all come with one-year. Ron Goins moved to approve the handicap lift from Arlan Company in the amount of \$3,788.00. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0,

#### **Basketball Goals**

Brent stated that he spoke to the high school regarding their basketball goals and they go through Aalco Sports Equipment. Brent stated the athletic director is happy with the goals; however their maintenance scheduling is not so great. Brent stated that if IRC goes with the portable he is concerned with the 200 lbs of sand or water that is required which then makes them not portable. Tony Turner

recommended getting some type of attachment on the floor so they can be moved in or out. Brent stated that storage is also a concern so he'll continue looking at options. Brent stated that he did ask a representative at Aalco to give him a quote on new goals to replace the current ones since they are in such bad shape and he is waiting to hear back.

### **Painting and Refurbishing of Gym**

Brent stated that he has contacted 4-State Maintenance about once again painting and refurbishing the Ash Center's gym floor. Brent stated they are about the only company in the area to do gym floors however he did contact a company out of KC but they did not return his call. Brent stated that 4-State will charge \$3,370.00 and the gym will be down approximately four days start to finish and he would recommend it be done before basketball season starts. The board agreed that 4-State Maintenance does a good job. Joe Cooley moved to approve the painting and refurbishing of the gym floor in the amount of \$3,370.00. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Ash Center Lighting**

Brent stated that he received a bid to improve the Ash Center lighting from Scott at Covert Electric Supply out of Joplin, MO then received a phone call from Scott stating that the bid was incorrect and he would need to re-submit it, however that has not been done yet. Brent stated that Jim will try to get Blankinship Electric to submit a bid as well and hopefully the bids will be ready by the next meeting.

### **Park St Ballpark Lights**

Brent stated that he and Christy Mavers attended a city commission meeting to further discuss the electrical situation with the ballpark lights on Park St. Brent stated that IRC received notice from Evergy that they are turning the power off to Jaycee field lights as of August 31<sup>st</sup> due to safety concerns. Brent reminded the board members that this has been an ongoing problem at the ballpark and the last quote he received from Blakinship Electric was for \$49,000 all in. Brent stated he has asked for the city's financial help since it is city property and the city commission determined they will have an engineer look at it and will then put it out for bids. Brent stated that he reminded the commission that the lights need to be completed by April of 2021 in order to have another season.

### **New Water Fountain**

Brent informed the board members that the CDC is no longer recommending the old water fountains that are in the Ash Center. Brent stated with Covid-19 concerns he has had the fountains covered and they are no longer used. Brent recommended replacing the fountain in the gymnasium with a fountain that uses a bottle filler. Brent received several bids but Rinck's Plumbing came in at \$1,150 fully installed, another establishment at \$1,600 and Home Depot at \$1,000 with no installment, but it is out of stock and they are not sure when they will have one available. Ron Goins moved to hire Rinck's Plumbing to install a new water fountain in the gymnasium for \$1,150.00. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **New Soccer Complex**

Brent informed the board that IRC will need to hire an architect in order to obtain proper permits for the new soccer complex. Brent explained that since elevations will need to be changed a permit is required. Tony Turner moved to approve hiring an architect to do drawings for the new soccer complex. Tony Holmes seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

**Items from the Commission**

There were no items from the Commission.

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

There was no agreement for action on items.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner  
Secretary