

INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting October 21, 2020

Ash Youth Center

1501 N. 10th

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christy Mavers
Ron Goins
Tony Turner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Julian
Lori Bromley
Nick McBride
Galen Palmer
Jim Butts

Christy Mavers opened the commission meeting at 11:30 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 for the September 16, 2020 board meeting. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bills

Tony Turner moved to approve the October 2020 bills and checks for payment in the amount of \$39,809.34 as well as the bills and employee benefits paid since the last meeting in the amount of \$23,326.34. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Galen Palmer reported the following bank balances as of September 30, 2020: First Oak Bank – Checking: \$98,801.67; First Oak Bank – Petty Cash: \$500.00; and Equity Bank – Savings: \$246,502.34. Christy Mavers recommended speaking with other local banks to see if they would be willing to sponsor City Rec teams if the IRC savings account was moved from Equity Bank into their bank. Ron Goins moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PROGRAM/OPERATIONS

Maintenance Report

Jim Butts reviewed the maintenance report with the board members and answered any questions. Ron Goins asked Jim how all his equipment is working and if anything needs replaced. Jim stated that he is not very happy with the Bad Boy mower purchased in March of 2018 and that the Gator needs some maintenance, but everything else is good. Brent suggested to the board that IRC trade the old red Nissan work truck in and move Jim's current Ford truck to the secondary position as this would allow IRC to get Jim another basic work truck as the 1996 Nissan is about done. Jim stated he has been busy working on water leaks at the Ash Center and the ball fields.

Programs Report

Nick McBride answered any questions the board had on the programs report. A discussion was held on pickle ball and the fact that they are up to at least 20 members, they play on Wednesday and Sunday, cost is \$50.00 per year and includes a shirt. Christy Mavers stated that she heard good things about flag football and soccer this fall. Ron asked where things stand with the 3rd thru 6th grade tackle football program and Nick stated that since most of the kids play travel football now that he would like to see IRC go strictly to a flag football program that will include children K thru 6th grades. Brent stated he agrees with Nick and he has talked to Cherryvale Rec to see if they would be interested in bringing their kids over here to play. Brent said that as far as recreation commissions go Caney is the only one to still offer tackle football, there seems to be a lot of interest in flag football, especially in the younger age groups. Nick stated he is still looking into All-star tournaments for the older groups in basketball and volleyball.

Director's Report

Brent Julian answered any questions the board had on the director/aquatics report. Brent discussed different ways to play flag football but stated that IRC plays 5 on 5, no blocking. Brent stated that IRC will adhere to school policy regarding spectators and fans this winter during basketball games, mask are required. Brent stated IRC will help by staggering game times and allowing people to exit the gym out the south side door rather than walking all the way back through the facility to the front door of the building. Brent stated that the participation numbers are pretty low for first session basketball, most likely due to Covid concerns, so they are considering combining the peewee girls and boys 1st and 2nd graders into co-ed teams. Brent informed the commission members that Neewollah will be using the meeting room in the Ash Center for Queen interviews next week.

BUSINESS/FINANCE

New Sports Complex

Brent handed out the plans for the new sports complex to the board with three options that the city is considering. Brent explained the differences in the options and most options included new lighting, five new soccer fields, a walking trail, new parking areas as well as new concessions & restrooms. Brent informed the board that IRC has hired Cornerstone to complete the survey of the property in the amount of \$11,500 and that is now complete. At this time the city has hired an architect to create a Master plan for the new complex which is the three potential plans the board is viewing today. Tony Turner stated that he would love to see an improvement to the basketball court at the complex as well; something similar to what Coffeyville has at their facility and feels this is the perfect time to include that improvement. Brent stated that he would definitely discuss with the city at their next meeting which will be on Friday to further discuss options and costs.

Arco Complex Waterline

Brent informed the commission that there is a waterline break out at the Arco Complex on S. Tenth Street at the concession stand. Brent stated that Jim has had a plumber look at the leak and they suggested digging it up to get a more direct estimate on what the situation is. Brent stated that it could be anywhere from \$500 to \$2,500 project depending on how bad the waterline is. Brent stated that Jim is going to rent a digger and they will know more once he gets the area dug up. Tony Turner moved to approve hiring a plumber if needed to do the necessary maintenance on the waterline break at the Arco Complex. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Current Projects

Brent stated that he is still working on several projects for the Ash Center that includes having new, updated basketball goals installed by December and new LED lighting throughout the building within the next few months.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Items from the Commission

Ron Goins *Appreciates the staff continuing to work on much needed projects

Agreement for Action on Items from the Commission

There was no agreement for action on items.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner
Secretary