

INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting January 16, 2019

Ash Youth Center

1501 N. 10th

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christy Mavers
Ron Goins
Danny Johnston
Tony Holmes
Tony Turner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Julian
Lori Bromley
Nick McBride
Jim Butts
Galen Palmer

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

ROUTINE

Agenda

Danny Johnston moved to approve the agenda as presented. Tony Homes seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes

Danny Johnston moved to approve the board minutes from the December 19, 2018 board meeting. Tony Holmes seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Bills

Tony Holmes moved to approve the January 2019 bills and checks for payment as written and presented. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tony Turner arrived at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Galen Palmer reported the following bank balances as of December 31, 2018: First Oak Bank – Checking: \$22,540.56; First Oak Bank – Petty Cash: \$500.00; and Equity Bank – Savings: \$87,711.79. Ron Goins moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Danny Johnston seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PROGRAM/OPERATIONS

Maintenance Report

Jim Butts reviewed and answered any questions the board had on the maintenance report. Jim discussed the city's electrical bids coming in at Riverside Beach. Jim also gave an update on the trailer

ordered through Romans Motor Company and it should be ready in February. The board discussed possibly selling the old trailer.

Programs Report

Nick McBride answered any questions the board had on the programs report. Nick discussed All-Star tournaments coming up in March, stating that the coaches will vote on the selection. Christy Mavers reminded Nick that the tournaments are scheduled during Spring Break so it may be something he wants to look into. Discussed the city rec draft procedures with the board, and Tony Turner recommended having a skills day prior to drafts for coaches and that the ICC boys basketball team would be willing to help run the skill day for basketball season. Nick stated that would definitely be something IRC would be interested in because the ones that have been run in the past are not that successful but having ICC's name behind it would help.

Director's Report

Director, Brent Julian, reviewed and answered any questions the board had on the director/aquatics report. Brent discussed the upcoming projects at Riverside Beach, such as the renovations to the chlorine room, and that he is hoping the city will also approve the \$12,000 for new restroom flooring.

BUSINESS/FINANCE

Park St ADA, Phase I

Brent discussed the previous meetings with city officials regarding Phase I of the ADA compliance for city rec ballparks as well as other areas within city rec. The city has requested IRC come up with a master plan and a commitment moving forward since the ADA projections are very costly. Brent discussed the master plan from 2004 that was done for city rec ball parks and the fact that part of that master plan can still be utilized. Brent stated the part of that plan he is most interested in would be the nine acres between the skate park and the little league fields, which can be cleaned out and used as soccer fields. Brent stated that eventually IRC would like to build a new concessions and restroom area in that portion of the complex as well as adding street access off of Sycamore by Bi-centennial field. Brent informed the commission that during Phase I of the plan the city would look at doing some new handicapped parking areas, wheelchair accessibility from the street to the sidewalks and some handicap accessible dugouts with sidewalks. Brent stated another meeting with the city will be held in February and Phase I should begin in August of this year.

Soccer Complex/Bus Barn

Brent discussed the plan to possibly leave the Independence Recreation Soccer Complex on Peter Pan Road due to the fact it is out of the city limits, a long way for children to go that may not have a ride, and cannot get there on bikes due to the narrow roads, not to mention all the ADA improvements that need to be done. Brent and Nick both agreed having the soccer complex in a central location would be more convenient for all involved, such as the Sports Complex on Park St. Brent stated they would like to have access to the nine acres on the complex between the skate park and the west side of ball fields for the new soccer complex. Brent stated that he has discussed the possibility of giving the 22 acres on Peter Pan Rd to the school district for their new bus barn. Brent stated he would ask for a possible donation of \$25,000 towards IRC's new complex on Park St. as well as seek access to the USD #446 maintenance building for Jim's equipment, storage etc...

New Soccer Complex

Brent stated he will get more accurate bids on the new soccer complex moving forward and that it will obviously have to be done in phases to get it where it should be, but he estimates approximately \$250,000 to cover most of the costs depending on any help from the city on obtaining and clearing of the acreage on Park. The board unanimously agreed that they would support moving forward on leaving the Peter Pan Rd Soccer Complex and moving the complex to Park St as long as the rec center is ok with the project being done in phases and having to use the ball fields as soccer fields temporarily. Ron Goins moved to approve Director, Brent Julian, moving forward with the negotiations with USD #446 Board of Education on giving the school district the land on Peter Pan Rd for a \$25,000 donation to IRC, as well as a lease for a portion of the maintenance facility on Penn Ave. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session

There was no need for an executive session.

Items from the Commission

No items from the commission.

Agreement for Action on Items from the Commission

No agreement for action on items.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner
Secretary