

# INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

*Year-End Meeting June 26, 2019*

*Ash Youth Center*

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

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christy Mavers  
Ron Goins  
Tony Turner  
Danny Johnston

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brent Julian  
Lori Bromley  
Nick McBride  
Jim Butts  
Galen Palmer

Christy Mavers opened the commission meeting at 11:29 a.m.

## **ROUTINE**

### **Agenda**

The agenda was amended to add F. USD # 446 Auctions under III. Business and Finance as well as G. Ash Center hot water tank and H. FEMA report. Christy Mavers recommended tabling B. Election of Board Officers due to multiple vacancies also under III. Business/Finance as well as moving F. G. and H. above D. Staff Evaluations. Ron Goins moved to approve the agenda as amended. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Minutes**

Danny Johnston moved to approve the board minutes for the May 15, 2019 board meeting. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Bills**

Ron Goins moved to approve the June 2019 bills and checks for payment as presented in the amount of \$45,232.23 as well as \$61,142.02 paid since the last board meeting. Danny Johnston seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Galen Palmer reported the following bank balances as of May 31, 2019: First Oak Bank – Checking: \$69,546.41; First Oak Bank – Petty Cash: \$500.00; and Equity Bank – Savings: \$249,918.53. Ron Goins moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

## **PROGRAM/OPERATIONS**

### **Maintenance Report**

Jim Butts answered any questions the board had on the maintenance report. Jim reported that he has hired his new summer field crew and things are going well. A discussion was held on the lack of electricity on the Park St ball fields and the changes being implemented to correct the situation. Ron Goins stated that the new padding on Clark James field looks good, and Brent stated that they will add new padding to Bi-Centennial field next.

### **Programs Report**

Nick McBride answered any questions the board had on the programs report. Christy Mavers asked if Pepsi had replaced any of the concessions equipment lost due to the recent flooding and Nick stated that most of it has been replaced. Christy asked if IRC has picked up anything left behind at the old soccer complex and Brent stated that they need to get the concession stand and a few other items that remain, however the maintenance storage bind will remain at the soccer complex for now. A discussion was held on IRC's umpire clinic and the board's concerns; it was recommended that IRC pay adult umpires to call the upper level games such as ten years and up, even if it means paying higher salaries to get these umpires. Christy Mavers stated that she has heard several complaints regarding the current umpires, safety issues etc... Brent Julian suggested following the USD #446 pay scales in an attempt to get more certified officials. Ron stated that the lights are being turned off too soon at the ball fields and that teams need more time to get to their cars, it was also suggested installing more flood lights would be beneficial as well. Tony Turner asked Nick about sending out letters of reprimand to coaches that are getting out of line, and Nick stated that is definitely something that may be happening in the near future. There was a discussion held regarding a Coffeyville team joining the Independence football league for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade since they no longer offer tackle football and the board agreed with this idea and Brent stated that Coffeyville Recreation will also support it. Tony Turner stated that some players may join the new football club being initiated locally, and Nick stated that could go either way, but at this time IRC plans to continue with the SEK league as regularly planned, as well as adding a cheer squad for 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grades. Christy asked about make-up games for baseball and how far behind the schedules are becoming due to rain outs, Nick stated that games will most likely run through mid July at this point.

### **Director's Report**

IRC Director, Brent Julian, answered any questions the board had on the director/aquatics report. Brent discussed with the board the decision to close the aquatics center on Wednesdays this summer the stating that there have been a few complaints which is to be expected, but it was a financial decision and so far is going well. Brent stated that if the City wants to re-visit the issue next year then that is fine too. Brent informed the commission members that the city has been great working to work with this year regarding the aquatic center.

## **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

### **Designated KPERs Agent**

Ron Goins moved to approve Lori Bromley as the designated Kpers agent. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Election of Board Officers**

Tony Turner moved to table the election of board officers until the July meeting. Danny Johnston seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **2019-2020 Budget Update**

Brent discussed the new upcoming budget numbers with the commission and answered any questions. Brent stated his plans for the new budget year is to continue to add the metal staircases at all press boxes in phases since they are so costly, as well as improvements at the Ash Center and to implement the beginning stages of the new soccer complex on Park St. Brent stated that the mills will remain the same this year at approximately \$107 to \$110 per mill and that IRC remains financially stable at this time. Brent stated that he will post the budget in the Independence Daily Reporter and the budget hearing will be July 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. during the regularly scheduled board meeting.

### **USD #446 Auction**

Brent asked the board their opinion of putting some of IRC's older maintenance items such as the Gator mower, some weed eaters, a trailer etc....into the school district's auction to see if anyone would purchase the items. Tony Turner moved to approve placing used maintenance items into the USD #446 auction. Danny Johnston seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Ash Center Hot Water Tank**

Brent informed the board that the big hot water tank at the Ash Center has finally quit working. Brent stated they received three bids ranging between \$3,163 and \$6,000. Brent stated that the lowest bid is from Shufeldt Plumbing out of Coffeyville, KS. Eric's Plumbing and Newton's Plumbing also gave bids, but significantly higher. Ron Goins moved to approve the bid from Shufeldt Plumbing in the amount of \$3,162.54 for the new hot water tank. Danny Johnston seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **FEMA**

Brent informed the commission that he has met with city officials regarding FEMA and IRC has done all the necessary documentation and is just waiting to hear if anything will be approved. Brent stated that it is not likely that Fema will cover IRC, however since the city actually owns the ball fields, he is hopeful that Fema will cover them so they can cover the electrical re-wiring for approximately \$20,000. Westar has stated the electrical is outdated at the Sports Complex on Park St and needs to be replaced regardless.

### **Staff Evaluations**

Christy Mavers suggested adjourning into executive session for fifteen to twenty minutes to discuss staff evaluations and salaries.

### **Executive Session**

Tony Turner moved to adjourn into executive session for twenty minutes. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting re-convened at 1:12 p.m. Ron Goins moved to approve annual bonuses in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Brent Julian, Lori Bromley, Nick McBride and Jim Butts.

**Director's Contract**

Ron Goins moved to approve the renewal of Recreation Director, Brent Julian's contract for the 2020 fiscal year.

**Items from the Commission**

Christy Mavers \* Wanted to reiterate what Ron had stated about not turning the ball field lights out too soon.

Ron Goins \*Suggested when a game is forfeited due to lack of players present, he would like to see the teams have the option of staying and playing in a scrimmage and IRC would go ahead and pay the umpires as planned.

Danny Johnston \*Stated that since he is a school district representative this may be his last meeting, and he wanted to thank everyone and best of luck to all going forward.

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

No agreement for action on items.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner  
Secretary