

INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting February 17, 2021

Ash Youth Center

1501 N. 10th

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christy Mavers
Ron Goins
Joe Cooley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Julian
Lori Bromley
Nick McBride
Jim Butts
Lacey Lies

Christy Mavers opened the teleconference commission meeting at 11:35 a.m.

ROUTINE

Agenda

Joe Cooley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Joe Cooley moved to approve the board minutes from the January 20, 2021 board meeting. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bills

Joe Cooley moved to approve the February 2021 bills and checks for payment in the amount of \$3,070.28 as well as the bills and employee benefits paid since the last board meeting in the amount of \$16,728.14. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Brent Julian presented the treasurer's report during Galen Palmer's absence. Brent reported the following bank balances as of January 31, 2021: First Oak Bank – Checking: \$103,164.14; First Oak Bank – Petty Cash: \$500.00; and Equity Bank – Savings: \$25,014.48. Ron Goins moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

BUSINESS/FINANCE

City Update on RBFAC Repairs

Lacie Lies, with the City of Independence, was present to discuss pool maintenance issues at Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center. Lacey informed the commission that the City Engineer is in the process of

getting bids on re-surfacing the kiddie pool area as well as the zero-entry portion of the swimming pool; which is one of the biggest issues needing done this year. Lacey stated that she has received several bids from Brent on some necessary maintenance projects for this summer such as picnic tables, repairs to cracks in the concrete, shower room repairs, a large umbrella replacement, lots of paint and a new PA system. Lacey requested Brent get IRC staff help do most of the painting and Brent stated he can definitely look into it, however right now it's just Jim in maintenance, but hopefully he can get him some additional help this spring. Lacey stated she feels most of the items on the punch list are doable and she will get with Brent moving forward to discuss purchasing and budget specifics.

Central Park Sports Complex Updates

Brent informed the board members that he and Christy Mavers attended a Teams video meeting with city staff regarding updates to the Central Park Sports Complex. Brent stated the idea was brought up of him leading a fundraising committee to come up with ideas on ways to help fund the complex. Lacey Lies, Director of Finance with the City of Independence, informed the board that she is happy to help Brent with the committee and will email him some ideas to get things started. Lacey suggested getting a committee together with herself, Brent, Nick, Christy and possibly a few parents interested in Recreation activities. Lacey suggested ideas such as fundraising ball tournaments, contacting the tourism committee and approaching donors etc... Lacie informed the board that this will be easier once a time line is established and Doug is in the process of putting the final phases on the design together now. Lacie asked Brent about IRC's budget for the park and Brent stated it is still open for discussion but initially he was thinking approximately \$50,000 per year for ten years done in phases as well. Brent asked Lacie for her recommendations to track the funds gained from donations, grants and fundraising projects as time goes by and Lacey stated she would recommend using the Community Foundation.

Work Truck Purchase

Brent reminded the commission that a discussion was previously held on purchasing a new maintenance work truck for Jim. Brent stated he would like to move forward on this purchase and make it an action item today, due to the fact it may take Quality Motors up to fourteen weeks to get it in once it is ordered. Brent reminded the board this is for a standard 2021 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$24,050.00. Ron Goins moved to approve the purchase of the new Ford work truck from Quality Motors for \$24,050. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Upcoming Ash Center Projects

Brent stated he had checked on expanding the Ash Center gymnasium as previously discussed, however he does not feel that it's feasible at this time due to property lines and the fact the building must remain at least 25 ft from Tenth Street and that's about there now. Brent said he is looking into a curtain divider for the gym so separate activities can go on at the same time and is waiting on a quote from Alco Sports, the same vendor used for the new basketball goals. Brent is hoping for a quote around \$2,500 but stated it could be more. Brent informed the board he has been looking into getting the Ash Center gym's ceiling painted, however the cost is approximately \$12,000. After further discussions with architect, John Heckman, he suggested adding surface insulation to the area instead of just paint. Brent stated according to John this would include 6-8" of insulation from a drop-down vinyl material, with warranty included, for approximately \$14,000. Brent stated he feels this is probably the better option and will also help with the utility bill costs as well. Ron Goins informed the other board members that he feels there is a moisture problem in the gym area as Paula called him in to look at the new tile that has started coming up for no apparent reason. Ron stated that he feels that a professional needs to

