

INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

Year-End Meeting June 30, 2021

Ash Youth Center

1501 N. 10th

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christy Mavers
Ron Goins
Tony Turner
Joe Cooley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Julian
Lori Bromley
Nick McBride
Jim Butts
Galen Palmer
Lacey Lies

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

ROUTINE

Agenda

The agenda was amended to add F. Central Park Project report under III. Business/Finance. Tony Turner moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes

Ron Goins moved to approve the board minutes for the May 19, 2021 board meeting. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Bills

Ron Goins moved to approve the June 2021 bills for payment as presented in the amount of \$58,839.36 as well as \$50,733.03 in bills and employee benefits paid since the last board meeting. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer's Report

Galen Palmer reported the following bank balances as of May 31, 2021: First Oak Bank – Checking: \$251,155.60; First Oak Bank – Petty Cash: \$500.00; and Equity Bank – Savings: \$24,994.96. Tony Turner moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

PROGRAM/OPERATIONS

Maintenance Report

Jim Butts answered any questions the board had on the maintenance report. Christy Mavers thanked Jim and the maintenance dept for moving items on the Park St complex in preparation for possible flooding over the past week. Christy asked Jim about outdoor pool problems and Jim stated they have had some minor issues but they've got it under control.

Programs Report

Nick McBride answered any questions the board had on the programs report. Joe Cooley asked why Independence teams do not have numbers on the back of team shirts in baseball and softball as he feels it would be beneficial especially when they play out of town teams. Nick stated the plan going forward is to have numbers assigned during the draft and coaches can choose numbers if they have a preference, otherwise IRC will issue the numbers. Brent stated in the past a lot of the coaches would have names and numbers put on team shirts but they aren't doing that as much anymore. Joe stated that there were a few umpires this year that did a really good job. Brent stated that next year IRC will no longer use umpires in Blastball, T-Ball and Rookie since they really aren't necessary and this will save money to put toward better umpires for the older divisions. Christy Mavers suggested using walkie talkies for umpires and score keepers for better communication with the supervisors as it would look much more professional than using their cell phones. Joe stated that there is a fence out on Emerson field by the dugout that is in bad shape and Brent said he would get Jim to look at it ASAP.

Director's Report

IRC Director, Brent Julian, answered any questions the board had on the director/aquatics report. Brent updated the board on the RBFAC opening and closing dates this summer as well as tennis and swim team information.

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

Joe Cooley moved to approve that the IRC board officers retain their current positions for another year. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

2021-2022 Budget Update/New Laws

Brent discussed the upcoming budget numbers for FY22 with the commission and answered any questions. Brent informed the board that a new law in Kansas is now in place called the Revenue Neutral Law that requires recreation commissions and certain governing bodies to notify the county clerk's office of intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate (RNR). This will involve filling out a few forms and having a special meeting called an RNR Hearing that may be done with the commission's regular budget hearing. Brent stated it will also have to be published in the newspaper ten days prior to hearing. Ron Goins moved to hold the Budget and RNR Hearing for Independence Recreation Commission on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Central Park Project

Brent updated the commission on several meetings he's had with city officials on the Central Park project and that so far the timeline remains the same. Brent stated that USD #446 wants to possibly get involved and have two 400 ft baseball fields included at the site for their high school programs. Brent passed out a map of the complex showing the inclusion of the two fields and where they would go and what options they have. Brent stated that if they can get the land to do the fields IRC would share one of those fields for adult softball programs. Brent informed the board the first step is for USD #446 to

pay for the \$7,000 survey and see what the possibilities are. Brent stated he would love to have all 33 acres and have the school district benefit as well, but feels there are still a lot of unanswered questions. The board was also shown a map of the outdoor fitness court, the batting cages and pickle ball courts. Brent stated that a lot of community support will be needed and he is hoping for help in fundraising projects moving forward.

Staff Evaluations

Christy Mavers suggested adjourning into executive session for ten minutes to discuss staff evaluations and the Director's contract.

Executive Session

Tony Turner moved to adjourn into executive session for approximately fifteen minutes. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The regular meeting re-convened at 1:05 p.m.

Director's Contract

Tony Turner moved to approve the renewal of Recreation Director, Brent Julian's contract for fiscal year 2022. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Items from the Commission

There were no items from the commission.

Agreement for Action on Items from the Commission

No agreement for action on items.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner
Secretary