

# INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

*Monthly Meeting July 21, 2021*

*Ash Youth Center  
1501 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street*

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christy Mavers  
Ron Goins  
Tony Turner  
Joe Cooley  
Moises Rivera

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

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

## **ROUTINE**

### **Agenda**

The agenda was amended to add E. Audit Engagement Letter under III. Business/Finance. Tony Turner moved to approve the agenda as amended. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Minutes**

Joe Cooley moved to approve the board minutes from the June 30, 2021 meeting. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Bills**

Ron Goins moved to approve the July 2021 invoices for payment as presented in the amount of \$7,089.71 as well as the payments made for bills and employee benefits since the previous board meeting in the amount of \$28,618.45. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Galen Palmer reported the following bank balances as of June 30, 2021: First Oak Bank – Checking; \$235,269.61, First Oak Bank – Petty Cash; \$500.00, Equity Bank – Savings; \$183,871.03. Ron Goins moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## **PROGRAM/OPERATIONS**

### **Maintenance Report**

Jim Butts answered any questions the board had on the maintenance report. Ron Goins asked Jim about the flooding issues down on Park Street fields and Jim informed the board that the streets were flooded but IRC was fortunate that the ball fields and concession stand remained safe. Brent stated that Dave Cowen, with the city of Independence, does a great job keeping IRC informed and that Jim came in twice on the weekends due to flooding concerns. Brent also informed the board members that the new complex will have a storage facility up on the north end and not the area under the press boxes that are now used for storage.

## **Programs Report**

Nick McBride answered any questions the board had on the programs report. Christy Mavers asked about the boy's 10 and under baseball tournament going on tonight and Nick stated all is going really well, the coaches are doing a great job as well as the umpires and there has been a great turnout. Joe Cooley asked about the fall football league and Nick stated IRC is offering both tackle and flag football, tackle is 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade and flag is 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Nick informed the board that if tackle does not make, he is hoping that flag will and they can combine the two. Joe asked what location the games will be played at and Nick stated that as of right now soccer and flag football will be played on the Park Street fields and tackle football will play at the stadium, but will most likely involve some travel. Ron Goins stated that he feels a lot of the public is still unaware of the plans for the new sports complex. Brent stated that the planning is in a holding pattern and they are still waiting on the survey for IHS to determine what their plans are going forward. Christy asked about the batting cages and Lacey, with the city of Independence, stated she would like to see four in total; possibly two electronic and two that are for warm-ups. Brent stated if they go with the coin operated or electronic cages, they will need to be placed further north as not to get in the flood waters. Brent informed that commission the project is still in the beginning stages and they are just now meeting with the financial committee which is hoping to raise close to one million dollars from the community, and if not, some things will most likely have to go.

## **Director/Special Events Report**

Brent Julian answered any questions the board had on the Director and Aquatics report. Brent updated the board on the new platforms for the indoor pool that the high school purchased for swim team.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Ron Goins moved to approve the Consent Agenda A-F as printed. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

### **Board Member Update**

Brent welcomed the newest board member, Moises Rivera, a city appointee, to serve on the recreation board from July 2021 to July 2025. The board members introduced themselves to Moises, then Brent went on to inform all members of their appointment terms: Christy Mavers, Chair, school appointee, term expires July of 2025; Ron Goins, Vice-Chair, IRC appointee, term expires July of 2023; Tony Turner, Secretary, city appointee, term expires July of 2022; and Joe Cooley, member, school appointee, and term expires July of 2023.

### **RBFAC Updates**

Brent informed the commission that he would like to extend the closing date of Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center by one week this summer making the closing date officially August 15<sup>th</sup>. Brent stated the season started out strong as far as attendance but is slowly declining; however, Brent informed the board that the half-price days on Monday and Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and family night on Thursday and Friday evenings from 5:00-7:00 p.m. are both doing well. Brent notified the board that the pool financial documents should be ready to go by the October board meeting. Christy Mavers asked about the pool staff availability in August due to school resuming; Brent stated the local schools start on

August 17<sup>th</sup> so they are hoping to get by, he stated that Asst. Pool Manager, Cain Carpenter, will finish out that last week when Manager, Shawn O’Kane returns to IMS. Joe Cooley moved to extend the closing date of RBFAC to Sunday, August 15, 2021. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Lifeguard Payback Program**

Brent updated the board on IRC’s new policy of paying back half of a lifeguards certification class as long as certain criteria is met. Brent stated a two-year certification class costs the lifeguard \$175.00, as a loyalty bonus, IRC is willing to pay \$87.50 of that fee back to the lifeguard at the end of the season if they have worked at least 55% of the hours available and pass their evaluation. Ron Goins asked what 55% of hours worked would consist of and Brent stated it comes out to about 36 hours each two-week pay period. Brent stated if they received the loyalty bonus for two years then their class would be paid for in full by IRC. Brent and the pool manager will meet to discuss the lifeguards that qualify at the end of the season. Ron Goins moved to approve the Lifeguard payback program effective the summer of 2021. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Central Park Project**

Brent updated the commission on the Central Park project stating that he will meet with city officials again on Monday for further planning and discussion. Brent passed around plans for the new concession area and press boxes; he stated lighting will be discussed at Monday’s meeting. Brent informed the board that the capital campaign group will meet again tomorrow to discuss a silent campaign for large donors, and he feels a public campaign will most likely start in November. A discussion was held on the design elements of the complex as well as the batting cages, electricity and scoreboards.

### **Audit Update and Engagement Letter**

Brent informed the board that it is that time of year once again to schedule the annual audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Brent informed the commission that Ashley, with Yerkes & Michels, CPA, LLC called to schedule the audit for October 5, 2021. Brent stated that Lori has started getting the reports over to Haylie at Yerkes & Michels so they can get things going even though they will not be in-house until October 5th. Brent stated that he received the engagement letter from Yerkes & Michels requesting the board’s Chair, Christy Mavers signature to proceed. Brent stated the fee for the audit will be approximately \$4,000.00 as stated in the engagement letter. Joe Cooley moved to approve the audit for October 5, 2021. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Executive Session**

There was no need for an executive session.

### **Items from the Commission**

There were no items from the commission

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

There was no agreement for action on items from the commission.

**Adjournment**

Ron Goins moved to adjourn the meeting. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Christy Mavers adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Tony Turner,  
Secretary