

The Richlands Recreation Commission held a regular meeting at the Richlands Town Hall on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30PM with the following present:

**Recreation Director:** Jessica Reynolds, Fred Phillips

**Other Town Staff:**

**Richlands Town Council Members:** Mary Ann Strong

**Recreation Commission Members:** Ronnie Cordle, Craig Earls (Phone-in), Jeff Hurst, Tony Cordle, Joe McCall, Frances Meadows, LaRhonda Lindsey, Anthony Cox

Mary Ann Strong opened the Richlands Recreation Commission meeting and welcomed everyone to the September Meeting.

Old Business:

At the last meeting we did not have enough commission members to have a quorum. In an attempt to help everyone's schedule, we discussed and moved the meeting to 7:30. We also want to keep the meeting to an hour, or no later than one hour and fifteen minutes if possible.

Tony Cordle: Can we reduce the quorum numbers so that we can conduct business with fewer members present?

Mary Ann Strong: Sue cannot find anything on the Roberts Rules about the number to meet quorum, but I cannot find the exact amount if we are allowed to do that. Having over 50% is typical for most boards/commissions.

Fred Phillips: Can we have votes over the phone if people cannot be here? If we allow this we need to make sure to call everyone. That may help with everyone's schedule.

Mary Ann Strong: I think the ordinance states the minimum. We should continue to research it.

Joe McCall: We can maybe change the ordinance to reduce the number.

Craig Earls: Little League uses a minimum of 4 (of 11), but we are non-profit not governed by the ordinances.

Fred Phillips: There is a difference from a Committee and Commission, I have heard Tim say that many times.

Tony Cordle: I don't mind to help research and see what we need.

Mary Ann Strong: I will also take that to Tim/Sue at the town. I think we would like to see if we can change to the five. If we vote on the phone we need to give everyone a chance.

Ronnie Cordle: If we have some that can't come, but can vote on the phone, that maybe the best option. We can call all the members if needed.

Tony Cordle: We do have six here tonight, so we are good.

Mary Ann Strong: Yes, we do have a quorum tonight. Also, the document says that if you miss 3 meetings without notifying anyone you are off the commission.

Tony Cordle: The rules should be enforced since we are trying to build the commission up.

Mary Ann Strong: This is the first night that some members has not contacted me. It is also stated that if you miss 5 in a calendar year then you can be removed. Brannon Breeding has only attended one meeting.

Any other old business?

Ronnie Cordle: Yes, we are still having traffic flow issues at the Recreation Park. Frank Dorton mentioned that the town can vote to make it a "street" instead of a road so that we can get funding from the State to do work and they can enforce the rules. It has to be 50 feet in width, but it should meet that standard. We have had several that have went the wrong way.

Fred Phillips: We should do this so that we can enforce the rules.

Jeff Hurst: They think it is faster to go left instead of go around.

Mary Ann Strong: Do we have a motion for Ronnie Cordle to attend the next Town Council meeting to request the Town to designate three Recreation Park road as a street? Tony Cordle made a motion for Ronnie Cordle to speak at the next Town Council meeting to discuss designating the road as a street, LaRhonda Lindsey seconded the motion. Mary Ann Strong- Any further discussion? No discussion, approved 6/0.

Tony Cordle: We are looking at starting a corn hole league here at the Recreation Park. We would like to do it Thursday and/or Sunday for the league. The league will do everything and setup the advertising. We will just need set dates for the league so that people can work it into their schedules. Due to basketball, Sunday's will be best. We would like to use the large upstairs room if possible. Also, the league wants to setup a social and competitive division so that we can have a good range of playing ability. This will include singles, partners, co-ed etc.

Fred Phillips: If you want to do it Thursday, then upstairs is fine even with basketball.

Tony Cordle: We do blind draws and we have players with varying skills. Also, the league would like to hold an event after hours on New Year's. This would only be upstairs.

Fred Phillips: That should be fine.

Tony Cordle: Can Sunday's starting at 6-6:30 always be corn hole time?

Fred Phillips: I can give you a quarter of the gym for that, or upstairs and we can set that time. And Thursday upstairs at 7:00PM will be fine.

Mary Ann Strong: This is great, and a new thing for the Recreation Park. Do we have any other old business?

No further old business.

**New Business:**

**RAL Agreements for Field Use:**

Fred Phillips: Ronnie Cordle asked to use Flanary field a few years ago and I was fine with it. The Little League ran him off etc. This past year, Jeff Hurst was having a camp and couldn't use it etc. Have we seen the agreement in place with the town? It will be good for everyone to be present for the meeting as well to discuss.

Ronnie Cordle: I think we have 2 agreements. Do we need Tim Taylor at the meeting?

Craig Earls: We (RAL) receives many requests to use the fields after our designated field period which ends on August 1<sup>st</sup>. In the past, I requested that Ronnie use the Critterville fields instead because we do not want adults on the Flanary fields. The last time we allowed a co-ed tournament there the field was damaged and we had a lot of extra clean-up. I was fine with them using Critterville as long as it wasn't raining.

Mary Ann Strong: I don't think the Recreation Park has to maintain the fields at Flanary etc. It was considered kind of off limits for adult play etc. Not that it is right or wrong, but that is how it has been handled in the past.

Fred Phillips: If we can get the agreements and see what we need to do.

Craig Earls: Just to let the commission know, I have stepped down as RAL President. However, I would like to be involved with the solution.

Mary Ann Strong: We should have a committee to discuss this, Craig, Tim, Fred, Ronnie to chair the committee.

Ronnie Cordle: I will work to find the agreements. When we find the agreements, we can then see where we are. We want to make sure we are all in agreement and move forward.

Mary Ann Strong: We are in agreement with the first steps, then bring that to the October meeting so that we can form a committee to further discuss. I think we have a good plan.

**Other Discussions:**

**Fred Phillips:**

Fred Phillips: I would like to welcome Jessica Reynolds who started with the Recreation Park in July. She has done a lot of stuff at the Rec Park and will be hosting aerobic style classes. Richlands is lucky to pick her up.

Mary Ann Strong: We are excited and glad to have you in the town.

Jessica Reynolds: Thank you for inviting me tonight it is great to meet you all. We are going to do some good classes throughout the week for the town.

Fred Phillips: We are moving forward with the weight room, bathrooms etc. and hope to offer memberships soon. We also want to put in the kiddie park outside. We would like to start working on the park early next year.

**Jeff Hurst:**

Jeff Hurst: What happened with the dedication for the kayak launch site at Critterville? Should this not be approved and ran through the commission?

Fred Phillips: We didn't get invited to the opening for the site. I didn't know till that morning.

Jeff Hurst: We will have to take care of it and deal with any issues, we should be informed when things like this come up.

Mary Ann Strong: I will invite Larry Johnson to the next meeting so he can talk about it.

No further comments.

Next meeting - October 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM at the Richlands Recreation Park

Mary Ann Strong - Adjourned meeting.