

The Richlands Recreation Commission held a regular meeting at the Richlands Recreation Park on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:30PM with the following present:

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

**Other Attendees:** Tim Taylor

**Richlands Town Council Members:**

**Recreation Commission Members:** Craig Earls, Jeff Hurst, Ronnie Cordle, LaRhonda Lindsey, Joe McCall, Frances Meadows

Ronnie Cordle opened the Richlands Recreation Commission meeting and welcomed everyone to the October Meeting.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Update on Short/Long Term Improvements Fred Phillips/Jessica Reynolds**

Fred Phillips: Frank Dorton and myself went and picked up the new cardio and floor for the gym upgrades. It is top notch material and really makes the gym look great. Also, Jessica filled out the second part of the grant and sent it off today. We would like to get the money before the end of December and once the gym is complete we want to have a dedication. We have some other upcoming events like The Middle School basketball tournament. We have 8 teams so far and we will have it on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. I have a meeting with the Plumley's to get sponsorship for the tournament shirts. We are glad to get the weight room finished and it has been several years in the making to get all of new equipment. It will now allow us to have a membership, like the hospital etc. We want to have the different options for monthly membership for the public.

Ronnie Cordle: How can we regulate it?

Fred Phillips: At the YMCA they have the card system and that is a pretty cheap solution. It is computer based and it tracks who are members.

LaRhonda Lindsey: It may be hard to enforce when we get really busy.

Fred Phillips: We are looking at maybe hiring a minimum wage person to help enforce it. This person could walk around and check and make sure everyone has paid or a member. This would take about 20 hours a week. Most gyms have this type of employee that will help.

LaRhonda Lindsey: Someone needs to monitor it for sure so that everyone feels it is enforced.

Ronnie Cordle: We do need to put a sign up that only over certain age can be back in the gym area. 15 years and older is what are looking at.

Tim Taylor: It will be good if we can make an official sign for it as well.

Fred Phillips: We have the trunk or treat, and the haunted trail on October 27<sup>th</sup> 7-11pm. They are not going to do the Kiwanis run the same day. As far as the fees for membership levels, we will do some research on them.

Ronnie Cordle: Do we want to offer a membership to the town workers?

Tim Taylor: We can look into this, but discounted rates or payroll deduction will be good. I will think about this and bring it to a future meeting.

Ronnie Cordle: Are we against any cameras in the weight room?

Fred Phillips: We thought about putting them in to the services areas.

Tim Taylor: They are fine for the parks, but in some of the areas we may need to research. If we have a policy on viewing the material I think we will be ok. If you have good policies etc. then it is a good investment. Let's do some research and something we might be able to support in the future.

Ronnie Cordle: At the college they have them in the hallway.

### **Nomination/Selection of Outstanding Community Volunteer, Youth/Rec Leader**

Ronnie Cordle: We talked about this last month. Frances you were not here, but we want to catch everyone up to speed on this. It was an idea I came up with for us to nominate an outstanding youth leader in the area to be an Annual award. We would like everyone to nominate someone and the 2018 recipient will be presented at the December meeting and the Town Council meeting. We want to put a plaque downstairs that we can add to each year. Do we have a motion on the floor to support this?

Craig Earls: I make a motion to create an Annual Award from the Recreation Commission to recognize an outstanding youth leader in our area. This person would be recognized at a Rec Commission Meeting and Town Council Meeting. I also would like to include in the motion to create a plaque downstairs so that we can add each annual recipient to the plaque. Frances Meadows seconded the motion.

Ronnie Cordle: Do we have any further comments? Motion carries 6/0.

By the next meeting we want to have the nominations so we can vote. We want to nominate them and have a good paragraph supporting the nomination.

### **Other**

#### **Recreation Park Tile Fundraiser:**

Fred Phillips: Here is the name tiles that we need everyone to try and sell. The order form will have 5 lines with 20 characters each.

Jessica Reynolds: The sheets have 2 bricks per sheet for when you sell. They have more lines now.

Fred Phillips: We want to have these in by the January meeting.

#### **Recreation Park Lighting:**

Tim Taylor: I am concerned about the lighting here and the town is going to put some lights out back and around the sides. Kevin Blankenship will work with Fred to get a plan together. It is something important and we will be doing that. We also put in the bleachers and we would like to do more bleachers if we can get the money.

Jeff Hurst: Thank you for having those put in, the bleachers look great and a lot of people are using them.

#### **August Meeting Minutes Approval:**

Craig Earls: We also need to approve the August meeting minutes.

Ronnie Cordle: We need to approve the August meeting minutes. Does anyone have any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Jeff Hurst made a motion to approve the August minutes.

LaRhonda Lindsey seconded the motion. No further comments, motion carries 6/0.

No further comments.

Next meeting - November 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM at the Richlands Recreation Park

Ronnie Cordle - Adjourned meeting.