

The Richlands Recreation Commission held a regular meeting at the Richlands Recreation Park on February 18th, 2019 at 7:30PM with the following present:

Recreation Department: Jessica Reynolds

Other Attendees:

Richlands Town Council Members: Mary Ann Strong

Recreation Commission Members Present: Craig Earls, Joe McCall, Tony Cordle, Frances Meadows, Ronnie Cordle, LaRhonda Lindsey, Joel Horn

Recreation Commission Members Not Present: Jeff Hurst, Mike Webb

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

Public Comments:

Old Business:

January Meeting Minutes Approval

Ronnie Cordle: Does anyone have any corrections, additions, or deletions to the January meeting minutes? Frances Meadows made a motion to approve the January minutes. Tony Cordle seconded the motion. No further comments, motion carries 7/0.

New Business:

Recreation Membership Updates

Ronnie Cordle: The recreation park membership software will be approximately \$269/month or \$2,700. The Town Council could get involved to approve the funds for this in the next budget.

Jessica Reynolds: We are getting a lot of questions about when we can start offering membership rates for the gym. We are getting a lot of interest about it. We don't have a lot, but we are keeping them in three ring binder.

Frances Meadows: It would be good if we could come up the money so we could free up her time to check on the things she needs to do.

Ronnie Cordle: If Tim approves one of the quotes (we are getting three) then we are good to move forward.

Jessica Reynolds: There is a training period and we want to get it working before we have the pool season. It is a great check and balance for money coming in, and it provides a lot of breakdown reports for what it we bring in etc.

Mary Ann Strong: The council will really like the break down.

Jessica Reynolds: The town could also use it for time keeping. It also will not allow you to clock in unless you are within range of the software. It has some great features.

Welcome New Members (Mary Ann Strong):

Mary Ann Strong: We want to welcome Joel Horn and the council approved him and Mike Webb unanimous. Did we advise Mike of the meeting?

Ronnie Cordle: No, I wasn't for sure if he was officially approved.

Mary Ann Strong: We can go ahead and add him to the list, he is now approved.

Strategic Planning (Ronnie Cordle)

Ronnie Cordle: I have been asked by Tim Taylor to provide our Strategic Plan for the Recreation Department.

Mary Ann Strong: Jeff Hurst gave out a report that contained some short and long term details for the strategic plan.

Ronnie Cordle: Yes, it was a good wish list. Things like the soccer field and walking trail. Anything else that we would want done for recreation. It will really take some folks that come put in time and help raise money as well.

Mary Ann Strong: Read the report from July 16, 2018 from Fred Phillips that had short term items.

Tony Cordle: We have met a lot of the items on this list. The roads were something addressed.

Ronnie Cordle: What do you guys think?

Tony Cordle: We do need to revisit this and we need to make sure we have a timeline for our future.

Mary Ann Strong: When does Mr. Taylor need this?

Ronnie Cordle: He said as quickly as we can get it to him.

Tony Cordle: I can meet anytime this week. We do need to get with Mark Gillespie (Little League) back here to give an update on the indoor facility and that we have fair access for everyone.

Ronnie Cordle: Can you get up with Jeff after this meeting?

Tony Cordle: Yes, we talk a lot.

Mary Ann Strong: Can we figure out when it needs submitted.

Craig Earls: I think we need to make sure we meet with Fred or Jessica as well.

Ronnie Cordle: Can you help as well?

Craig Earls: Yes, I can help as well.

Ronnie Cordle: The walking trial has been studied and they have a good plan.

Tony Cordle: Did we get a plan from VT?

Ronnie Cordle: Yes, we have a big plan from them, but it involved a lot of people's property. So Tony, Jeff, Craig, myself and Jessica/Fred will meet this week to discuss the plan.

Recreation Updates (Jessica Reynolds)

Jessica Reynolds: We are looking at charging for the gym and be consistent. We have a lot of people that use the gym an sometimes we are not charging. We just would like to set an amount and keep it consistent and fair. It seems like most gyms are charging \$20-\$30 per hour.

Tony Cordle: I think for corn hole it would be hard for us to pay \$25/hour. Based on the payouts that they have. It could lose some of that business. We don't want to run people out.

Ronnie Cordle: It won't make money, if you have 40-50 people you will have a mess.

Tony Cordle: I agree that we need it to be consistent.

Jessica Reynolds: We want to make it consistent. This would be for events only.

Tony Cordle: It is getting more and more popular due to the updates. I think \$100 hour.

Mary Ann Strong: I think we need an hourly amount.

Ronnie Cordle: I like \$25/hour.

Tony Cordle: We can go 9-3, 3-9pm for \$100 then \$25/hour if they don't want half a day.

Ronnie Cordle: Does anyone have any issues with these amounts? No further concerns.

Other:

Mary Ann Strong: Someone approached me about the swinging bridge access point for the canoeing. They requested that the access point be named after Larry Johnson.

Ronnie Cordle: Thank you for bringing this request. We will need to discuss it at a future meeting and see if that is something that can be supported.

No further comments.

Next meeting – March 18th 7:30 PM at the Richlands Recreation Park

Ronnie Cordle - Adjourned meeting.