

The Richlands Recreation Commission held a regular monthly meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30PM with the following present:

**Recreation Department:** Fred Phillips

**Other Attendees:**

**Richlands Town Council Members:** Mary Ann Strong, Jeff Hurst

**Recreation Commission Members Present:** Corey Whited, Craig Earls, Mike Webb, Ronnie Cordle, Tony Cordle, Frances Meadows

**Recreation Commission Members Not Present:** Joel Horn, LaRhonda Lindsey, Joe McCall

Tony Cordle welcomed everyone to the Richlands Recreation Commission July meeting.

**Old Business:**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes Approval**

Tony Cordle: For old business, we need to approve the May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Does anyone have any corrections, additions, or deletions to the meeting minutes? Corey Whited made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Frances Meadows seconded the motion. No further discussion, motion carries 6/0.

**New Business:**

Tony Cordle: At the Tazewell County Social Services meetings we always stated the pled of allegiance and prayer to start the meeting. This is just something we can think about to adopt here.

Corey Whited: I think this is a great idea.

Public Comments: None

**Interim Commission President Appointment – Tony Cordle**

Tony Cordle: We will need to officially appoint a replacement Recreation Commission President due to Jeff Hurst's approval to be on the Town Council. He cannot serve on both since Mary Ann is our representative from the council. Ronnie Cordle, who served as President prior, would like to come back until Jeff can resume the President's position after the election. Do we have any other nominations?

Group: No further nominations.

Frances Meadows: I make a motion to approve that Ronnie Cordle be appointed to the Richlands Recreation Commission as the President. Corey Whited seconded the motion. No further discussion, motion carries 6/0.

Group: Welcome back Ronnie.

**Little League Field Use Request (Ronnie Cordle)**

Ronnie Cordle: Mark Gillespie contacted me yesterday to ask that we approve Little League to use the fields through September 1<sup>st</sup>. They started the seasons late due to Covid-19. I wasn't for sure what all everyone else is doing, with softball and football. We have always took it back.

Fred Phillips: We need to let Little League have it and let them have it for another month. They will have all-stars in July/August, so I feel like we should let them.

Tony Cordle: Due to the circumstances I think we should let them.

Mary Ann Strong: We are so glad that they get to have a season and I agree that we should let them have it.

Craig Earls: I make a motion to approve the Little League request to use all the fields through September 1<sup>st</sup>. Frances Meadows second the motion. No further discussion, motion carries 6/0.

### **Tennis Court Renovation**

Mary Ann Strong: We had our court refinished and they did a great job. I also seen where the tennis courts at Tazewell's recreation park was refinished and it looked great. Rick Clatterbuck is who did it  
Jeff Hurst: It looked really good.

Fred Phillips: The estimate is 48K for the renovation. The high school paid for there's at Tazewell.

Mary Ann Strong: We also want to put pickle ball lines on ours at my home as well. Do you think that we could get them to?

Mike Webb: If we can figure out if they need asphalt I may be able find a man to help them out on the price.

Fred Phillips: I can also ask SWCC since they have used it. I can also ask the Skewes Foundation to see if they can provide some funding. The tennis net poles also need replaced. I don't think that will be very expensive. They are paved in and in bad shape.

Mike Webb: I can talk to Rick and see what he thinks.

Fred Phillips: We should try to jump on it as soon as we can. He uses leveler, sealer, green coat, and lines.

Mary Ann Strong: Does the Skewes Foundation have any deadlines for requests.

Fred Phillips: No, with the Little League fence they responded quickly and we have a request in for the fence down the road here. I will talk to the college as well.

Mary Ann Strong: Let's get a price on the netting and the poles as well.

Fred Phillips: Yes, I will get those.

### **Recreation Directory Updates**

Fred Phillips: I have some monthly reports for you. We are open for business and the pool is going great. We have made \$12,461 so far in July. The Health Department came to inspect and signed off for us. We are trying to be as best as we can within the Covid-19 and CDC guidelines. We are doing what we can, and we are starting the adopt-a-child program to help pay for kids who cannot afford to come to the recreation park. We did start the basketball league as well.

Frances Meadows: There are a lot of kids that come and cannot afford it. It is \$180 per year and it will pay for 1 child to come in.

Mike Webb: Is it for a specific kid?

Fred Phillips: Yes, it is for a specific kid. You can do it quarterly, monthly, full year, half year etc. You can choose which kid you want to sponsor. Right now we have 25, and we want 100. Those 25 are coming at least twice a week. Club football is coming down here 2 days per week as well.

Mary Ann Strong: How is the basketball league going?

Fred Phillips: It is going one day a week. We had a meeting this morning and they want to start coalfield basketball league with 20 teams. This would bring in a lot of business. This would be hosted by us and it is \$400 per team. We would also get all the concession and gate.

Jeff Hurst: Do we have a Covid-19 plan in place?

Craig Earls: I think it would fall under VDH and existing CDC guidelines.

Jeff Hurst: Having a door sign for masks will help as well. We can maybe try to put "X's" down on the bleachers as well to encourage social distancing.

Fred Phillips: Under the occupancy guidelines we can only have 250, but we will monitor that against any new guidelines.

Ronnie Cordle: Do we have a way to make the court floor not slick? I know you have don't a lot of options, like mopping, etc. But, it is very slick and we are getting complaints.

Fred Phillips: I have mopped, and tried it a few days and it wasn't bad a few days after the Thursday, but it was very slick. We are looking into the issue to see what can be done.

Ronnie Cordle: Any further issues for discussion before we adjourn the meeting?

Frances Meadows made a motion adjourn the meeting. Corey Whited seconded the motion. No further discussion, motion carries 6/0.

Next meeting – August 17<sup>th</sup> 2020, 7:30PM

Ronnie Cordle Adjourned meeting.