

The Richlands Recreation Commission held a scheduled meeting on November 15, 2021 at 6:00PM with the following present:

Recreation Department: Jessica Reynolds

Public Speakers: Trish Matney, Rocky Hill

Richlands Town Council Members:

Recreation Commission Members Present: Corey Whited, Craig Earls, Tony Cordle, Grace Stuart, Mark Gillespie, Frances Meadows

Not Present:

Tony Cordle welcomed everyone to the Richlands Recreation Commission November meeting. We would like to open with a prayer.

Old Business:

September 20th Meeting Minutes Approval

Tony Cordle reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 20th meeting.

Corey Whited: I make a motion to approve the September minutes. Grace: I second the motion. No Discussion.

Tony Cordle: Vote for the motion. Passes 6/0

New Business:

Public Comments:

Grace Stewart: Grace Stewart informed the members that she intends to resign from the Commission and Corey Whited read resignation letter. The Commission members thanked Grace for her assistance and hopes she will reconsider.

Recreation Commission Vice-Chairperson and New Member (Tony Cordle):

Craig Earls: We currently have the need to elect a vice-chairperson since Tony Cordle was moved to the Recreation Commissions Chairperson role. Do we have any nominations? No action taken.

We also have a need to make a recommendation to the Town Council on an appointment to the Recreation Commission due to the resignation of Cindy Smith, Chris Hess and Jon Brown. The group discussed nominations.

Corey Whited made a motion to ask Mary Ann Strong to propose Trish Matney (in town) and Rocky Hill (out of town) to the Town Council for appointment to the Commission. Grace Stewart seconded the motion. No further discussion.

Tony Cordle: Vote for the motion. Passes 6/0

Adult Recreation Opportunities (Grace Stewart):

Jessica Reynolds: Discussed discussing with Grace regularly and we would love an active senior citizens program. Maybe have outings and other things. We decided to create a survey and we want to target seniors to see what they want in a senior program. We gave them to the churches to hopefully get some feedback.

Group: Discussion on the survey and options available. No action taken.

Multi-use Field Complex (Jeff Hurst):

Jessica: No new news and Jeff is still pursuing this through the Town Council.

Recreation Updates – Jessica Reynolds:

Tony Cordle: The main thing is we want to keep the meeting to an hour to one and half hours. We want to make sure to have attendance. I would also like for us to have an event or maybe 3 per year.

Jessica Reynolds: There are times that we just need help here. The haunted trail was tough this year because of lack of volunteers.

Group: Discussion about Commission members volunteering and that the Rec Park needs help with staffing. As they take on more programs it puts more stress on staff.

Craig Earls: One thing we need to do in 2022 is the strategic plan.

Craig Earls made a motion to adjourn. Corey Whited seconded the motion. No further discussion, motion carries 6/0.

Next meeting – December 20th 2021, 6:00PM

Tony Cordle Adjourned meeting.

2021 - Recreation Commission Monthly Attendance

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tony Cordle									P			
Craig Earls									P			
Mark Gillespie									P			
Chris Hess									NPU			
Frances Meadows									P			
Cindy Smith									NPE			
Grace Stewart									P			
Corey Whited									P			
Vacant												

Legend:

P – Present

NPU – Not Present, Unexcused

NPE – Not Present, Excused