

Town of Richlands
Recreation Commission
March 21st, 2022

The Richlands Recreation Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present:

Rocky Hill	Tony Cordle
Craig Earls	Frances Meadows
Trish Matney	Corey Whited

Members Absent: Mark Gillespie
Town Council: Mary Ann Strong
Recreation: Jessica Reynolds
Other: Lisa Cordle

Tony Cordle called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.
Frances Meadows made a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Corey Whited seconded the motion. No further comments. Motion carries 6/0.

Public Comments:

Lisa Cordle came to request access to the Recreation Park softball field for April 23rd to hold an 8U travel ball tournament. They will be charging \$10 fee per person as an entry fee. They are requesting that after expenses, they will split the remaining profit with the rec park. It will only be 5 or 6 teams.

Jessica Reynolds: I think we should charge a flat fee. We set prices last year for the gym, and I think we can this time. I think \$150 for this time, then we will know afterwards how this will work out. I also found some no-parking signs so they cannot be on fields. I will also open up the upper picnic area for that weekend as well. I will give her the form to fill out.

Group: The group discussed the options and did not have any concerns with the request.
Corey Whited made a motion to charge a one-time fee of \$150 for Lisa Cordle for the 8U softball tournament and revisit the costs in May/June. Trish Matney seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries 6/0.

Recreation Director Updates:

Jessica Reynolds: We had a budget retreat meeting. It went well, and all departments went and I asked for an assistant. The pool is currently drained and we are going to do some patch work on concrete. The paint is expensive and we have that ordered. I also ordered new chairs for the deck. I also got the green light to paint a mural in the baby pool. I put in a T-Mobile grant for the slides, and we would do that in the fall. I also applied for another grant for the tennis courts from the Skewes foundation. The town is proposing to increase the cigarette tax and that money to come to the rec park. We are also looking at putting the mulch down at Critterville and putting some other swings and things. We are looking to put in handicap accessible swing with another grant.

Rocky Hill: If we get any ARPA funds and we have some needs over at the Critterville. We have some needs over there and the dugouts and roofs are very rough.

Group: The group discussed the recreation updates and no concerns were presented.

Meeting Times:

Tony Cordle: We are looking to maybe move the meeting later at 7PM to help with schedules. Rocky Hill made a motion to move the regularly scheduled meetings from 6PM to 7PM starting in April. Corey Whited seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries 6/0.

New Members:

Tony Cordle: We have looked at reducing the number of required members and splitting the locations 5/4. I would like to reduce the members and I think we have a good group. However, if we have less members, it will reduce the help. I think we can leave number of members to 9, but allow 5 to be in town and 4 from out of town.

Group: The group discussed the issue at hand.

Mary Ann Strong: It may take a public hearing. I can present it at the Town Council meeting then we can have the public meetings.

Frances Meadows made a motion to allow to reduce the in-town member requirement from 6 to 5, and increase out of town member option from 3 to 4. Corey Whited seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries 6/0.

Rock Hill: I have an in-town candidate Freddie Elswick. He is willing to do it and would do a great job. He is currently the manager at Rameys and will do a great job. Rock Hill made a motion to approve Freddie Elswick and have Mary Ann Strong request appointment by the Town Council. Corey Whited seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries 6/0.

Jessica: I also have Jared Horn that is very interested, but he is out of the town limits. If we have the reduction in the in-town requirements we discuss.

Tony Cordle: I would like to have an older adult basketball day. I am in the process of looking at a youth cornhole travel league for 10-12 grades. We have a lot of help for this, and teams can be from other areas. We want to maybe have practices and competitions. I have all of the equipment for this. Andrea Perkins contacted me about having funfest cornhole tournament as well.

Jessica Reynolds: I would like automatic doors for the entry and out to the pool as well. It would help us for handicap accessibility.

Next Meeting April 18th at 7:00 P.M.