

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Richlands that the Ordinance adopted 30 March, 1970 and amended 8 April, 1980, 11 February, 1992 and 12 May, 2009, which established a Recreation Commission, be amended in the following words and figures, as follows:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-1806 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, there is hereby established a Recreation Commission. This Commission shall consist of nine (9) adult members serving without pay, along with a nonvoting member of Council. The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Council. Six (6) of the members shall reside within the corporate limits of the Town of Richlands and three (3) of the members may reside outside of the corporate limits of the town. The term of office for members shall be for three (3) years or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The term of office for members shall expire on 31 December. Vacancies in such Commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired term.

2. Members of the Commission shall be removed if they miss 3 consecutive meetings without contacting any other member or if they miss 5 total meetings in one calendar year.

3. Immediately after their appointments, they shall meet and organize by electing one of their members President and such other officers as may be necessary. The Commission shall have the power to adopt by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper conduct of public recreation for the Richlands area.

4. The Recreation Commission shall provide, conduct and supervise public playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation centers, and other recreation facilities and activities on any of the properties owned or controlled by the town or on other properties with the consent of the owners and authorities thereof. It shall have the power to conduct, or to cooperate with other agencies in conducting, any form of recreation that will employ the leisure time of the people in a constructive, wholesome manner and to recommend charges and/or fees to be set for the use of the facilities so supervised.

5. The Recreation Director, who is hired within the same guidelines as any other department head, shall, along with the Town Manager, submit a budget for the Recreation Department to the Council for its approval. The Commission, with Council's approval and concurrence, may also solicit or receive any gifts or bequests of money or other personal property or any donation to be applied, principal or income, for either temporary or permanent use for playgrounds and other recreational purposes.

6. The Recreation Commission shall make full and complete bi-monthly and annual reports to the governing body of the town and other reports from time to time as requested. The Commission shall also submit a five (5) year comprehensive plan concerning recreational activities to the Council. Appropriate records of the Commission's meetings and business shall be maintained by the Recreation Department Director.

Upon a motion by Richard Brown and seconded by Larry Worrell, a second reading of this Ordinance is hereby waived.

Upon a motion by Richard Brown and seconded by Gaynelle Thompson, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted as an emergency measure, to become effective immediately, by a Unanimous vote of the Richlands Town Council, at the regular meeting thereof on 8 June, 2010.


MAYOR

Attest:


CLERK

Ayes: Ratliff, Meadows, Worrell, Cury, Thompson, Brown

Nays: None

Absent: None