

The Richlands Recreation Commission held a regular meeting at the Richlands Recreation Park on February 19th, 2018 at 7:30PM with the following present:

Recreation Department: Fred Phillips

Other Attendees: Adrienne Cordle

Richlands Town Council Members:

Recreation Commission Members: Craig Earls, Jeff Hurst, Ronnie Cordle, Frances Meadows, LaRhonda Lindsey, Anthony Cox

No Quorum

Ask Brad about getting the ordinance changes so that we can allow archery at the Rec park.

Mary Ann Strong opened the Richlands Recreation Commission meeting and welcomed everyone to the February Meeting.

Old Business:

January Meeting Minute Approval

Mary Ann Strong: We need to approve the February meeting minutes. Does anyone have any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Tony Cordle made a motion to approve the February minutes. Frances Meadows seconded the motion. No further comments, motion carries 6/0.

Old Business:

Recreation Park Updates:

FP: March Madness we ended up with 13 teams, made \$4,200. Had a lot of volunteers to fill in, but went very well.

New Business:

VDOT Adopting Rec Park Road

RC: The thing hold up is 60 feet at the entrance that they need. Tim is supposed to meet about it and he is going to try adopt it anyways, or what we need to do. We can get more stuff done if we get it.

Archery Ordinance

Fred Phillips: We need to talk to Frank and Brad about the ordinance and how we get that updated.

Recreation Park Weight Room

Fred Phillips: It is hard to get money when people think they want to shut this down or get rid of me. We raised 250K or 300K for all of these updates, they gave it knowing I would take care of it and not necessarily for the town. We need 40K to make it up to date.

RC: Can we sell the tiles. We need to see who did those last time and I will go around to sell them.

FM: I will work on that and see if we can find out who can make those.

Lark Park Equipment

Fred Phillips: It would be great to have a playground down there and people would use it.

RC: Until we get one thing completed I think we should hold off.

JH: Would it be smart to put together a 5 year plan.

Critterville Walking Trail Benches

Fred Phillips: We have 2 benches that we can install. We need to find the places to put them. I also have a book for some activity bars/weights for fitness on the trails.

We are going to have cardio in the weight room, but there are machines that are giving the place back energy. The machines will put back energy into the grid.

LR: It would be good to get a grant for this type of thing too.

Soccer Update

Jeff Hurst: We met over here this Friday and we are a few weeks from getting Land Disturbance Permit to begin fund raising. That will help us secure fund raising for the project. It will help us with the plans for the lights and power sources. That was very encouraging and will clear our way to fund raising. The wiring is probably outdated.

RDA Meeting:

JH: It was a great meeting and Curt Breeding is our representative from our area.

Other:

FP: The open house went awesome and it was a great day. We had a lot of people come.

FP: We are going to have an event schedule that could have some additional revenue coming in. July we will have an all-sports camp with local coaches coming down to help. August we are going to have concert here and charge for an entry fee. Joel Horne will be working for this. September we will have a co-ed tournament at Critterville. We are going to take over the trunk or treat and maybe a middle school basketball team. RYBL purchased new goals and pads. February Valentines Dance and March basketball tournament. May Paint party. In June we would like to run the 5K.

RC: I think we should do a learn how to kayak in the pool, I will donate mine for the day.

FP: We could do that all summer too. We are going to do swim lessons this summer yet.

ACordle: I know everything is in an uproar. We were talking about the strategic plan with all the phases. If we could do that and get a quote and look around and see if we can get money.

MAS: Jeff would you like to chair the committee to put the strategic plan together?

JH: Yes, I would like to do it early in the morning. Get our phases get our quotes etc. Get something ready for next meeting. Maybe 3 or 4 meetings this month.

JH: The bleachers over at the soccer field are in bad shape, they need to be removed. We should get them removed.

Other:

RC: Anytime we use the facility without paying we should at least document it and keep it down. We can mark it down as donation and it could be part of the report to the town etc. The biggest thing I hear is the town don't do anything. If they use it and this is what it goes for.

FP: That is a great idea, I think we should do that.

RC: Great idea to record and easy to do.

Other Comments

No further comments.

Next meeting - May 21st 7:30 PM at the Richlands Recreation Park
Mary Ann Strong - Adjourned meeting.