

Town of Richlands  
Recreation Commission  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Richlands Recreation Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present:

Rocky Hill	Mark Gillespie
Craig Earls	Frances Meadows
Jared Horn	Corey Whited
Tony Cordle	Trish Matney

Members Absent: Freddie Elswick  
Town Council: Jeff Hurst  
Recreation: Jessica Reynolds  
Other:

Tony Cordle called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

From the last meeting, Mike Bandy wanted to use the field for some of the older players. They are not playing games, it is just them practicing with the open fields.

Rocky Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Corey Whited seconded the motion. No further comments. Motion carries 7/0.

Recreation Director Updates:

Tony Cordle: I know I have seen so many things going on. It has been awesome and thank you to everyone who made these events happen for the town.

Jessica Reynolds: This weekend was the Back to School bash and we had a great turnout. The kids had a great weekend and the weather was perfect. It was the first time to use the green space and the kids really enjoyed it. The kids also had free ice cream and hot dogs. We did have an issue at Critterville. They were working on the fields and they tilled it too deep which caused a muddy mess. We were going to use the fields, but the grass was way high. The group discussed the fields and maintenance and Jessica needs more resources to be able to maintain these appropriately. By next meeting, we should bring in some ideas on maintenance signage points to put on the fields. Jessica will add pointers to the field usage form and let us know. The group also discussed if additional staff could be used to help with maintenance.

Jessica Reynolds: I decided to close the pool, except on weekends, because we don't have life guards. We typically only open 3-6pm, but we do not have any life guards due to them being in school. We will still be open for parties and weekends.

Corey Whited: We have had this issue for many years and we just don't have that much help. We need to give her enough staff to help. I will work on the wording for what we want to present.

Jeff Hurst: I talked to John O'Daniel at the back to school event about the ARPA funds. He said that basically the council has not officially voted on for funds for recreation improvements. He

suggested that we need to request those directly to them. The group discussed the funds and the projects that we discussed in the past.

Rocky Hill: I seen something that really bothered him. At Critterville, the middle press box has a crack and the roof is really bad.

Tony Cordle: I can take it back to the Council and we may need another work session to get it all together.

Jessica Reynolds: We can meet right before.

The group discussed times, and most can meet Monday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM to discuss the ARPA funds during a work session. We can have a game plan for presenting it to council.

Miscellaneous Updates:

None

No further discussions.

Corey Whited made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rocky Hill seconded the motion. No further comments. Motion carries 8/0.

Next Meeting September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.