

Town of Richlands
Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, July 18th 2022 7PM

Commission Members Present:

Tony Cordle
Frances Meadows
Freddie Elswick
Mark Gillespie
Jared Horn
Corey Whited
Jessica Reynolds – *Director, Parks and Recreation*

Commission Members Absent:

Craig Earls
Trish Matney
Rocky Hill
Jeff Hurst – *Council Member Representative*

Meeting Minutes

Tony Cordle called the meeting to order and opens with Prayer.

Old Business: (Approval of June Meeting Minutes)

Tony: Has everyone had a chance to review the meeting minutes from June? If so we need a motion and a second to approve these minutes.

No comments or amendments were made to the June Minutes

Motion By Corey Whited: *Approval of the June 2022 Meeting Minutes*

Motion Seconded by: Jared Horn

Motion Carries: 7/0

Public Comments: *Please note: There was no one from the public in attendance for this meeting*

Jessica: I have talked with Mike Bandy who could not attend tonight, but he was wanting to ask the recreation commission for permission to use the soccer field (located next to the recreation park) for a soccer tournament or game. I assume that the same rules are in effect for the usage of the field (Charging a 150 dollar usage fee). Does the same apply?

Tony: I think it is appropriate to keep consistency in charging the field of usage fee of \$150.00. I say let go with the charge of 150.00. We must be
(All commission members were in agreement)

Frances: Is it a large game or tournament?

Jessica: I think it is more set up as a practice instead of a large tournament. I believe it is will be held during the end of August. I think the 150.00 would be appropriate for the usage fee.

Tony: We need a motion to approve for this event to take place as long as it is not interfering with softball or soccer (Jeff Hurst).

Jessica: I am sure that Mike has checked with Jeff, but I make sure everything is squared away.

Frances: As long as it doesn't interfere with other events I will make the motion to approve this event.

Motion By Frances Meadows: *Approval for Mike Bandy to use the soccer field for a Soccer Tournament for a usage fee of \$150.00 as long as it doesn't interfere with other events (Jeff H. – Soccer / Softball)*

Motion Seconded by: Corey Whited

Motion Carries: 7/0

New Business: (Recreation Updates and Miscellaneous)

Misc. Business: Letter to Mike Webb

Freddie: Needing letter for Mike Webb for donating the gravel this year. This will help Mike hopefully budget the gravel for next year.

Frances: Freddy, I will take care of the letter and make sure to email that to you as soon as possible. I would also love to send him a picture of softball girls. I would also like to thank Mark for spreading the gravels.

Jessica: Have we lost any gravel from the flood?

Frances: We did not lose any gravel from the flood we will also have to finish spreading the rest.

Jessica: Great! We also didn't lose any mulch from the playground.

Misc. Business - Flag Pole for field at Recreation Park

Jessica: We need to talk with John O'Daniel about the Flag pole and flag for the Softball Field.

Tony: I thought he had said that he already had a flag and flag pole ready to install. We will need to follow up with him. We also need to decide on placement of the flag pole.

Frances: We need to make sure we have it somewhere close and visible. Maybe in the corner?

Tony: That would be a great place for the pole. We need to decide where to place it on the bank. Maybe where the old steps were?

Mark: Does it need to be lighted? We could also put it on the hill?

Jessica: Yes, it will have to be lighted. That would look great on the hill.

Tony: Does the Press-box have power? Maybe they could run electricity to the pole. What do you all think on placement?

Jessica: I will check on the logistics for the flag pole with the town and John to check on possible sites, what would be feasible, and dimensions for the pole.

Further Discussion during the next meeting. Jessica will provide updates

Recreation Park Updates - Jessica Reynolds

Jessica: Everything is going well here at the Rec. Park and we are doing well. Just some reminders - July 25th – Mermaid and Superman Swim, August 01st – Adults only 18 and over swim (We will be providing daycare in the gym, August 12-14th Back to School Bash – Recreation Park on the 14 free swim at the recreation. Other than that I have no other updates.

Corey: I just want to compliment Jessica and her team on a job well done with the Mermaid Event here at the Rec. Park. It was tremendous success.

Tony: Did we figure out anything about the handicap parking at Critterville?

Jessica: That has already been taken care of and signs have been placed near the field.

Frances: Will Lisa be done with the 8U Tournament by then?

Jessica: I am not totally sure. I can definitely check with her on the logistics, but she hasn't even started with that yet. I don't think it would interfere with the tournament because those are held here at the Rec. Park.

Misc. Business - Implementing Volunteer events for the Recreational Commission

Tony: The Recreation Updates kinda leads into what we have been talking about – It would be nice for the recreation park to create an event that could benefit children such as an end of the year event or even a Christmas event. Starting events such as a senior walking club or other community outreach events would be very beneficial for the recreational department. Making sure to volunteer and contribute as a group. It would be nice to implement something towards the end of year or Christmas.

Corey: I love the idea of an End of School Bash

Tony: I was also thinking that we could have something like a field day or an event during our slow season.

Jessica: I love the idea of having an end of the year bash we could incorporate the pool and fields. I also would love to hold events during the slow periods at the recreation park. May to August is a long time. We should definitely look at hosting other events throughout the year. From Christmas to June is kinda of a dead period for our town and the Recreation Park.

Corey: I know I keep bringing this up, but I think we should have a grand opening of the recreation park once all improvements and remodeling have been completed (pool, tennis courts, and upstairs)

Jessica: We are currently still waiting on the funding.

Tony: Have we heard anything in regards to the funding?

Jessica: We had talked about the funding for the improvements but the council has not allotted the money to each department. It has definitely been a year

Jared: I that's definitely been a year or longer. They definitely need to approve the funding that they have allotted us.

Frances: Do we need to approach council as recreation commission members?

Tony: I think it is something that we need to check on, but we probably need to have Jeff Hurst bring the issue before council.

Tony: Anymore Ideas? I think we definitely need to do something.

Jessica: I would look at having events during that dead period (January to March)

Jared: When I was in Wythville, they would have early release on the last day and there would be an end of the year bash.

Jared: Also girls basketball will hosting an event to raise money for the flood victims Buchanan County. All money raised will be distributed to the flood victims.

Corey: I also wanted to add that it would be nice to partner with the hospital to host a health fair hear at the Rec. Park and have this event during that dead period at the recreation park. I thin kit is important for us to also promote the well-being and health of our rural community.

Jessica: That would be wonderful. We could also sponsor this with another event as well.

Tony: Let's please keep brainstorming events for the commission to hold.

Misc. Business - Checking Account for the Recreation Events

Tony: It would be nice for the Recreation Commission to have our separate bank account for events held by the recreation commission and could use that money toward promoting and hosting events. Corey, have you heard anything from John?

Corey: I have not heard anything from him. He was supposed to get back with me and Jessica. I think this would have to come before council. (Please refer to Corey's notes sent earlier this year in regards to this inquiry)

Jessica: We will be meeting Monday so I will check with him.

No Further comment were made
Meeting Adjourned By Tony Cordle at 7:53

Motion By Frances Meadows: Stand adjourn until next month.
Motion Seconded By: Corey Whited
Motion Carries: 7/0

Next Recreation Commission Meeting: August 15th 2022, 7pm

Minutes for July Meeting Recorded By: Corey Whited