

Town of Richlands
Recreation Commission
January 24th, 2022

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

Trish Matney	Tony Cordle
Craig Earls	Frances Meadows
Mark Gillespie	Rocky Hill

Members Absent:	Corey Whited
Town Council:	Mary Ann Strong
Recreation:	Amber Looney
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 December meeting. Mark Gillespie seconded the motion. No further comments. Motion carries 6/0.

Public Comments:

Lisa Cordle came to request the softball field for Middle School softball for practices. The team has used the field in the past. They want to continue to work with Rocky Hill for Gods Rockstars and they have a new donation for brick dust for the field.

Craig Earls: Games will be at the high school?

Lis Cordle: They are working on that and we would like to work with Rec Park to hold a tournament.

Group: The group discussed the field mix and the Alabama mix that the Little League fields use.

Frances Meadows: Can we clarify the soccer team usage as well? We have a request for them to use the field as well. What are the times? Jimmy McGee advised that they should be able to play on the High School field with a request form.

Lisa Cordle: We practiced at the same time as last year. Since we are not affiliated with the school, due to Covid, we could not play on the High School field. I think the big issue was the fence and Soccer felt it would shorten the field some for their practice.

Group: The group discussed the fence issue and that Tony/Frances would contact the Soccer coach to see if they can attend the next meeting. The group did not have any issues with Jessica working the schedule as she has in the past for these requests.

Recreation Director Updates:

Amber discussed that we are very busy and Jessica asked if we can help for volunteer hours. During the wrestling tournament some people parked on the field and it messed up the grass. The town came to reseed the damaged area.

Group: The group discussed that we should get a pole with a rope to mark it off. Rocky Hill mentioned that with it being busy, the volunteers should come from the sport. I have to help

those organizations. Each sport should have to sign to help with volunteers. The group discussed that Rec Park may need more staff for things.

Tony Cordle: We should ask Jeff and the others to ask leaders at the end of the games to help cleanup in the gym and fields.

Craig Earls: For Critterville, it could be an option to get covered trash cans to help with trash cleanup. That would keep the water and animals out.

ARPA Funds:

Mary Ann Strong: The tennis court quote was \$49,400 and we need to add about a 3% increase. We should set another workshop to plan the response to Town Council for funds.

Rock Hill: We checked on the pool slides and a double slide is \$32,900, and a single is \$29,000.

Trish Matney: I was able to talk to someone in Roanoke for help with the pool estimate.

National Pools out of Roanoke can quote, but we need to send pictures of the pool. I can get pictures and work with Jessica to get the information to them.

Frances Meadows: I talked to Lowes and they do not have the large floor machines in stock. The biggest they have is 19 inches \$1,400 plus sponges. They don't have the bigger ones. I looked those up, and new ones are \$10K. I called Rusty and he said that the estimate is pretty close due to the size of the cleaner. He gave us great information.

Miscellaneous:

Mary Ann Strong: Larry Johnson gave us a \$100 donation a while ago and we never could figure out what it was for?

Tony Cordle: I can call and see where we are with that.

Rocky Hill: We never followed up with a sperate account for the Commission. This would be for donations and other fund raisers.

Tony Cordle: We need 2 members and we seem to have a lot out of town that would be willing to help. If we want to request a change in our bi-laws we can vote.

Group: The group discussed and agreed that it will be easier to get help if we move from 3 out of town to 4. This will still allow a majority to be from Richlands.

Mark Gillespie made a motion to request Town Council to update the bi-laws to allow 4 out of town members for the Recreation Commission. Rocky Hill seconded the motion. No further discussion: Motion carries 6/0.

Mary Ann Strong will take the recommendation to the Town Council.

Group: The group discussed and agreed that we will meet on January 27th at 6:30 for the work session for ARPA funds.

Craig Earls made a motion to adjourn. Rocky Hill seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries 6/0.

Next Meeting February 21st at 6:00 P.M.