

Town of Richlands  
Recreation Commission  
September 19<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
Freddie Elswick	Tony Cordle

Members Absent: Trish Matney, Jared Horn, Corey Whited  
Town Council: Jeff Hurst  
Recreation: Amber Looney, Jessica Reynolds (Phone)  
Other:

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

Freddie Elswick made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Rocky Hill seconded the motion. No further comments. Motion carries 6/0.

Critterville Field Usage:

The field at Critterville was used for an event for a Shop with a Cop and they played all through the weekend. On Saturday it was raining heavily and they played through it and the field is a mess. Tonya Hurt talked with them about canceling it and they ended up playing anyways. Jessica Reynolds called him as well and told him not to play. The group discussed, and agreed that they should not have played the tournament due to weather conditions. Tonya with Little League is working with them to get the fields drug and back into shape. Greg Reynolds and Danny Hicks were the ones that ran the tournament. The group discussed that if it rains we just need to make sure they are not used and damaged. We need to make sure the agreement says that they will be responsible for damages going forward. The group also discussed, that due to low staffing, we need to have the officers of the Recreation Commission be backup decision makers to cancel tournaments and field usage when weather issues arise. Jessica will put a contact list out for them to call to make sure it is still a go based on the weather. When we have a tournament, make it part of the agreement that they need to contact to get approval. The group agreed to that process.

Frances Meadows made a motion to add a field approval contact list to the field use agreement which will include the following: Recreation Director, Council Representative, Commission President, Commission Vice President and these contacts have the authority to close the facilities due to inclement weather. Craig Earls seconded the motion. No further comments. Motion carries 6/0.

#### ARPA Funds Request:

Jessica Reynolds provided the group with the packet from our last discussion about requesting ARPA funds for recreation projects. Jessica advised that she added 20% cost due to inflation increases. Some possible projects for consideration are: Upstairs renovations for Recreation Park, Pool Renovations, Tennis Court Renovation, Gym Cleaning Machine, New Garage Door for Gym, Efficient heating and cooling for gym, Critterville improvements (roofs, shelters, restrooms). The group also discussed the possibility of having a separate bank account for events to be held at the Recreation Park. Jessica/Corey was going to talk to John O'Daniel about that before. Jeff Hurst advised that in the past the Recreation Park had a \$10K per year budget allotment that the Recreation Commission could approve for use. Jessica requested that we send someone to the town council meeting to request the ARPA funds for these projects.

Mark Gillespie made a motion to have Tony Cordle represent the Recreation Commission and present this project list for the ARPA funds at the next Town Council meeting. Rocky Hill seconded the motion. No further comments. Motion carries 6/0.

#### Recreation Director Updates:

Jessica Reynolds: No further updates other than what we have previously talked about.

#### Miscellaneous Updates:

None

No further discussions.

CE made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rocky Hill seconded the motion. No further comments. Motion carries 6/0.

Next Meeting October 17th at 7:00 P.M.