

Town of Richlands
Recreation Commission
May 15th, 2023

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

Frances Meadows	Tony Cordle
Freddie Elswick	Craig Earls
Corey Whited	Jared Horn
Rocky Hill	

Members Absent: Mark Gillespie
Town Council: Jordan Bales
Recreation: Jessica Reynolds
Other:

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

Craig Earls made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jared Horn seconded the motion. No further comments. Motion carries 7/0.

Old Business:

Corey Whited made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24th, 2023, meeting. Frances Meadows seconded the motion. No further comments. Motion carries 7/0.

Public Comments: None

The group discussed the recently held Little League Coach pitch tournaments. We had a great turnout, and it had a great economic impact on Richlands, and businesses here.

New Business:

Commission Member Appointment:

Tony Cordle: We said at the last meeting we were going to bring back some names for the in-town member recommendation for appointment by Town Council. Jon Brown was mentioned, and he was on the commission before, but was very busy with Wrestling. Jordan Bales also mentioned Michelle Blankenship. The group discussed potential appointments. Freddie Elswick made a motion to put forward Jon Brown as a recommendation for Town Council approval from the Recreation Commission. Craig Earls seconded the motion. No further comments. Motion carries 7/0.

Frances Meadows: We just need to make sure to advise him of the attendance rules. The group also discussed the number of required in-town vs out-of-town for members of the Commission.

Little League Field Agreement:

Tony Cordle: Did we find the agreement between the Town and School for the baseball field?

Jordan Bales: I did find partial agreement for the field use for the baseball field. It was approved by the Town Council back in February of 2022 as an MOU with the school. We did review the MOU details, but we do not have the official MOU that was signed. Jordan is still working with the school board to get the signed version that was edited and signed. We need to have in the agreement the details for what needs to be handled in the agreements. If the keys are changed at the fields, then Jessica and the PD need copies. The group also discussed not being able to currently charge for entry to these events for the school.

Recreation Update:

Jordan Bales: I was able to meet with Gary Jackson at Critterville, and we suggested the following upgrades and repairs: 1. Water needs to be in the drain traps to control odors. 2. Need motion sensor switches for the lights in the bathrooms. 3. LED lights in the bathrooms. 4. Gutters need to be cleaned in the press boxes. 5. Paint all the doors and pressure wash. 6. Press box cracks need chalking and checked every 6 months for movement of the cracks. 7. The softball press box roofing looks ok, replace with metal when available. The tee ball press box roof needs to be cleaned and possibly replaced.

Jessica Reynolds: We are working on the pool and the new fence is up. We are getting ready for the pool opening here soon. For the garage door, we are waiting for quotes for the new door. We had a few leaks on the roof, and they are working on that. They are also working on the heat pumps. The town workers will be painting the catwalk outside this week after all the repairs. The pool does have a leak, and we are looking at options to get that fixed. It will probably need to be resurfaced next year due to the age of the plaster. This will be a significant cost.

Miscellaneous:

Tony Cordle: I know in the past we have had good money generators for the recreation park. Can we come up with a system to collect the money from the soccer parents during the fall? We should think about how we can do this. As far as adults (25 and over), I think we should look at raising the rates here for the services. The group discussed.

Craig Earls: Mowing for all the parks. How is it going so far with the vendor change? Elite Mowing does section A, the town does section B. The parks are in section B. They are working hard on it, but they are behind a bit on the mowing for the parks. They are looking to hire more help to get caught up.

No further discussions, meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: June 19th at 7:00 P.M at the Richlands Recreation Park.