

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Park Multipurpose Recreation Facility located at 30372 Eden Church Road in Denham Springs, La.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jimmy Purvis
Present J.Purvis, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett A.Perkins, G.Smith, S.Huffstetler
Absent -K.Anderson

Guests - Management Employees of the District
Mary Smith, West Livingston Advisory Committee

Motion to accept the minutes as mailed for the March 9, 2015; meeting with no public comment by J.Dyason-Norris seconded by A.Perkins Vote passed Yeas- A.Perkins, J.Mallett, S.Huffstetler, J.Dyason-Norris, G.Smith, J.Purvis Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson

Call for public input was made by Chairman, being none, Chairman moved to next agenda item.

A financial report was provided for the March period of operations and budget line item comparisons for the year end were noted by the Administrative Treasurer. Administrative Treasurer reported on conference attended with Superintendent for millage levy procedures as presented by the State of Louisiana.

Motion to approve the financial report for March with no public comment by S.Huffstetler seconded by A.Perkins Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, J.Mallett, A.Perkins, G.Smith, J.Dyason-Norris, S.Huffstetler Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson

Superintendent, Gary Templeton gave a report.

*Superintendent reported that the audit process is continuing and going well.

*Superintendent reported that the contractor for the splash pad will begin next week and should finish the project on schedule (LM Lockhart site)>

*Superintendent noted that the bathrooms were painted and all new toilets, lavatories installed at LM Lockhart park. He noted that the Boy Scouts organization performed voluntarily the painting process with great results.

* He presented a draft of the credit card policy and wording adjustments were made by the board. All notations were adjusted.

* Superintendent noted that the bus (approved in prior year) has been purchased.

*Superintendent reported that the items from the maintenance master list established in a prior month walk through has been progressively addressed to date.

Motion to accept the credit card policy as presented by Superintendent with wording adjustments made on 4-13-15 with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by A.Perkins Vote passed Yeas-J.Purvis, J.Mallett, A.Perkins, G.Smith, J.Dyason-Norris, S.Huffstetler Absent- Karen Anderson

Scott Huffstetler noted that several water fountains at the tennis court site are not working. David Henderson noted that they were aware, but that continued vandalism had caused these fountains to remain unserviceable at this time.

Mr. Huffstetler also reported that he noticed a large gap in the perimeter fence at North Park with the ditch between the road and property (corner of Eden Church Rd north and Lockhart Road). Superintendent noted that an 80 foot section very close to this site has recently been damaged by an auto accident. Fence adjustments on gaps will be addressed when the vendor repairs the large section (cost will be paid by the driver). Board discussed if a future DOTD roundabout project would impact repair of the gap. Superintendent noted that the roundabout preliminary plans will have to be examined.

Mary Smith, West Livingston Advisory Committee, reported on their review of the splash pad projection and members had questions. Superintendent will give committee an overview of location and operating processes. Parking issues for special events was discussed with Chairman noting that extra parking for events will be available past the fence and gate in nearby sections of West Livingston. A discussion on the pavilion plans was made and the summer demand for this was expressed by Mrs. Smith. Chairman directed that the back side (south) of the park be cleaned of all new growth and limbs existing at the present time. Board agreed on this action by staff.

Director, John Arbour, reported that T-ball registration resulted in increase of 20 kids. He noted that Easter Camp has 120 participants for the week and that the summer program for day camp has greater than 400 participants registered. He noted that two staff members have completed and secured their CDL licenses for transportation requirements. He noted that Raising Canes Inc. commented very positively on the dog park plan and this process continues to progress well.

David Henderson summarized maintenance actions this month and noted that grass cutting has begun. He commented on the fence repair scheduled this week (citizen is paying for the repair from his accident).

Sandy McGrew, Fitness Director, stated that fitness programs are going well and that growth in the senior category related to membership is stronger than expected. She noted that many people congregate in the hallway waiting in line to enter the next class at the classroom sites. Board discussed future options for space use for waiting members or class attendees.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by G. Smith seconded by J.Dyason-Norris Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, A.Perkins, J.Mallett, S.Huffstetler, J.Dyason-Norris, G.Smith Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on May 11, 2015