

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 9, 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 Vice Chairman Arthur Perkins
Present J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett A.Perkins, G.Smith, K.Anderson
Absent -Jimmy Purvis, Scott Huffstetler

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

Motion to accept the minutes as mailed for the January 12, 2015, meeting with no public comment by G.Smith seconded by J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas- A.Perkins, J.Mallett, K.Anderson, J.Dyason-Norris, G.Smith Nays-none Absent-Jimmy Purvis, Scott Huffstetler

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

A financial report was provided for the January period of operations and budget line item comparisons for the year end were noted by the Administrative Treasurer.

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

Mary Smith, West Livingston Advisory Committee, reported on a walk through of the of the operations and maintenance at West Livingston park and buildings. David Henderson has noted that areas needing attention have been listed and that his department will address the fixtures, painting and ceiling tile issues at West Livingston. It was noted that each Advisory Committee member needs a key to the locked rooms.

Superintendent, Gary Templeton gave a report.

*Superintendent reported that the Livingston Parish Horse Show has requested to host their annual events on various dates in 2015. He recommended approval as per the dates requested.

*He noted that the Journey Church has requested to host an easter egg event on 4-4-15 at South Park as held in the previous year. He noted that last year the church had a very good performance on the hosting, cleaning, and service to the public.

Superintendent noted that Lydia Vallee is requesting that a non-profit group hold an event noted as Christmas in the Park for a fund rasier for the Denham Springs Animal Shelter. They requested dates for events on 7-25-15 10-30-15* 11-28-15* 12-5-15* and 12-12-15. Superintendent will follow up on details for further board consideration.

*Superintendent noted that the playground equipment is being assembled at South Park (weather permitting) and he reported that the splash pad project at West Livingston continues in the planning stages. He is waiting on the City of Denham Springs to remove selected concrete (also weather permitting).

Motion to approve that the Livingston Parish Horse Show Association be granted the dates for 2015 for hosting events at South Park as requested and recommended by the Superintendent with no public comment by J.Dyason-Norris seconded by G.Smith Vote passed Yeas-A.Perkins, G.Smith, J.Dyason-Norris, K.Anderson, J.Mallett Nays-none Absent- Jimmy Purvis, Scott Huffstetler

Motion to approve that the Journey Church be granted the authority to host to the public an Easter egg event on 4-4-15 at South Park as requested and recommended by the Superintendent with no public comment by G.Smith seconded by J.Dyason-Norris Vote passed Yeas-A.Perkins, G.Smith, J.Dyason-Norris, K.Anderson, J.Mallett Nays-none Absent- Jimmy Purvis, Scott Huffstetler

Director, John Arbour, reported that soccer registration ended with a gain of 40 participants over last year's registration.

He noted that the sports commissioner for 2015 has been hired (Bobby Moore). Mr. Moore has much experience in various sports. Julie Dyason-Norris asked if any consideration has been given to hosting a special season at West Livingston. Board discussed the potential.

Director reported that he will be emailing feedback surveys in an attempt to increase participation in the various sports. He suggested to use an evaluation night procedure with coaches and parents for better results in 2015. He will continue to forward communication to the public in the future.

He noted that the Walker Sports District is scheduling for all their spring sports to be complete by 5-31-15 (allowing summer for all star play).

He noted that interviews of teens were held in February regarding the 2015 teen group program planned for. The interviews revealed great feedback thus far from parents that are interested.

Superintendent noted that Chairman Purvis, himself, and David Henderson will perform a general park facility walk through very soon and invited any board member interested.

Sandy McGrew, Fitness Director, stated that fitness programs are going well.

Courtney Stevens, Aquatics, noted that spring promotions end in February.

She noted that the locker room floors will be re-surfaced during the Mardis Gras period with an approximate cost of \$4000 as budgeted in maintenance.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on March 9, 2015