

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 8, 2018, 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, A.Perkins, R.Harris, J.Mallet, K.Anderson, J.Dyason-Norris,  
Absent-Scott Huffstetler  
Guests - Management Employees of the District  
Mary Smith, Sarah Scott of West Livingston Advisory Committee  
Krista Adams and family, citizens

Motion to adopt the minutes as mailed for the September 10, 2018, meeting with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by J.Mallet Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, A.Perkins, R.Harris, J.Mallet K.Anderson, J.Dyason-Norris Nays-none  
Absent- Scott Huffstetler

Under public input, Krista Adams and family addressed the board presenting a report and past history of the purple martin project at North Park. She requested continued support of this project and presented the importance of making conservation efforts for this bird species. She noted the educational values this project has provided with the Girl Scout organization in the past by being on the premises of the District. She requested specific assistance in moving the nesting grounds (mounted houses) to a safer location within North Park in the near future. Also, she requested any declaration of a bird sanctuary designation. Board thanked Mrs. Adams for her efforts thus far and discussed the potential of expanding this project in the future. Consensus of the board was to explore the expansion of this effort.

West Livingston Advisory Committee member, Sarah Scott, noted that on Oct 31, 2018, a fall festival event is planned at L.M.Lockhart Park. She noted that the tutoring program for the fall begins on October 22, 2018. She also stated that a community awareness meeting will be held. It was noted that recent maintenance projects were completed in the gym and other smaller projects are to be performed by the end of the year.

Superintendent noted that an organization has requested to host and mirror an event like the Parish Trunk or Treat program at West Livingston from 5:30 to 8:30 pm on October 27, 2018. The group is currently attempting to work with Denham Springs Police or Sheriff's Office for security. It was noted that the Chairman and the West Livingston Advisory Committee were not aware of this request. (Chairman noted that the Parish is and the District is hosting the official Trunk or Treat at South Park on 10-31-18. Board discussed the request noting that the West Livingston Advisory Committee should be involved along with the Superintendent. Superintendent was assigned task of contacting the group regarding understanding the details of planning before the board will give approval. Board consensus granted Superintendent the authority to research this issue on the proposed event and grant approval if details are sound.

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

Motion to approve the financial report for September, 2018, with no public comment by J.Dyason-Norris seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, A.Perkins, R.Harris, J.Mallet, K.Anderson, J.Dyason-Norris Nays-none Absent-Scott Huffstetler

Superintendent reported that the Program Committee met today and discussed various policies and issues. They are preparing a new effort to improve the Fitness membership levels versus competitive private fitness plans regarding rates. Board discussed in detail the immediate plans for the track shed and old office space. Superintendent noted that the estimated costs for transforming the space totals \$15,000 for a crossfit type program. Board discussed pricing to be competitive with private providers. After much discussion, consensus of the board was to send pricing rate issue back for consideration of the Program Committee.

John Arbor, Director, reported that a survey on baseball participants gave a 100% feedback for league play to begin earlier (in spring- April). He noted that this year the before and after care, Holiday camp at Christmas is impacted with the timing of the holiday. He recommends not to host the Holiday Camp until after January 1, 2019. Board agreed due to the timing of Christmas Day.

Superintendent proposed a \$1 increase per entrant at the Water Park for 2019. He noted that the committee agreed and the board consensus agreed also.

Courtney Stevens, Aquapards, noted that private swim lessons had greater participation this past year, but an issue with multi-family members taking lessons is recommended for an adjustment. In the future, she recommends to use one instructor for up to 3 kids (noted as semi private) for even better results. Board agreed on adjusted plan for 2019. She also noted that a Color Run event will be held on December 1, 2018.

Motion to approve the recommendation as presented by the Program Committee on pricing of memberships for fitness programs with no public comment by R.Harris seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas-J.Purvis, A.Perkins, R.Harris, J.Mallet, K.Anderson, J.Dyason-Norris Nays-none Absent-Scott Huffstetler

It was noted that the Budget Committee will meet on November 8, 2018 1PM

David Henderson, Maintenance, noted that the track renovation project is to begin in two weeks at West Livingston.

Rod Vulgamore noted that Cane's Corporation has agreed to send \$28,000 for the pet park to begin at South Park.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

**Next meeting will be held at 6PM on November 12, 2018**