

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019, 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.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, K.Anderson
Absent-Scott Huffstetler
Guests - Management Employees of the District
Mary Smith,Sarah Scott of West Livingston Advisory Committee
Various citizens of southern subdivisions
John Wascom, Scooter Keen, Bubba Harris, Livingston Parish Council

Chairman addressed public citizens on past history of the District facilities and progress over the years in adding programs.

Meagan Mayer addressed board with questions regarding future plans. Chairman and Superintendent responded on the various construction plans that are part of the future Phase II additions as part of the Master Plan for park facilities (splash pads, pet park, walking trail, pavilion, etc.). Citizen requested that all fencing be replaced along with new signage at South Park. Chairman responded on flood damage to fencing on private lands and noted that speed controls had been damaged also on roadway. Commissioner Julie Dyason-Norris commented that the road could be used for accessing the parking lot only in the future and the loop closed to vehicles. HOA representative suggested to work with management to discuss new ideas for improvements at South Park. HOA representative in Plantation Estates noted that 271 signatures have been collected to give consideration for potential upgrade ideas. She recommended to contact adjacent property owners concerning the security needs from the mobile home park. Councilman Harris commented on forming a committee from all areas to assemble the many ideas for consideration for both short and long term budgeting for the District at South Park. Chairman led discussion on the implementation of this committee with members of the District board. Superintendent outlined new projects already planned for in 2019 (some of which will probably be on the idea list from the citizens). Councilman Harris noted that he will assemble a team for providing the communication of ideas.

Chairman appointed himself, Karen Anderson, and Ryan Harris to serve on the masterplan research committee for South Park improvements in connection with the citizen committee.

One citizen commented on the problems with splash parks regarding 911 calls in the past from a Fire District perspective.

Chairman thanked all the public for their attendance, comments, and welcomes new ideas for future consideration.

Motion to adopt the minutes as mailed for the February 11, 2019, meeting with no public comment by J.Dyason-Norris seconded by A.Perkins Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, A.Perkins, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, R.Harris, K.Anderson Nays-none
Absent-Scott Huffstetler

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

Motion to approve the financial report for February, 2019, with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, A.Perkins, R.Harris, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Scott Huffstetler

Sarah Scott of the West Livingston Advisory Committee noted operations were running smoothly.

Superintendent noted that the official bids for swim and lifeguard uniforms revealed two bids from Sport N Center and Swim Outlet. He recommended the low bid from Swim Outlet on all items on the bid.

Motion to approve the 2019 swim area uniform bid to Swim Outlet as the low bidder on all items listed (12 &13) and as recommended by the Superintendent with no public comment by J.Dyason-Norris seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, A.Perkins, R.Harris, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Scott Huffstetler

Motion to authorize the Chairman, James Purvis and Superintendent Gary Templeton, to sign all legal and transactional documents to purchase the Denham Springs Country Club property located at 9852 Country Club Drive, Denham Springs, La 70726 for the payoff amount to the Bank of Zachary of \$186,958.54 and according to the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement executed between the parties with no public comment by J.Dyason-Norris seconded by J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, A.Perkins, R.Harris, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Scott Huffstetler

Superintendent commented on his recommendation to close the golf facilities for a transition period in order to open to the public with good procedures in place. Board consensus agreed. He noted there is a clearance procedure for background checks for board members which will be required due to the alcohol sales. Board made comments on some procedure ideas.

Motion to adopt the new park logo as "The Pines at Northpark" as recommended by the Superintendent with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by J.Dyason-Norris Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, A.Perkins, R.Harris, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Scott Huffstetler

Superintendent gave an update on various specific plans for procedure implementation and recommended the board make a site visit once the property is purchased for a walk through of assets,etc. (potential closing 3-13-19)

John Arbor, Director, requested on rule change on past rule involving not allowing big barrel bats during play. He researched this item and now recommends allowance of the large size bats.

Motion to adjust current rule effective for 2019 summer program whereby the big barrel bats will be allowed during play as recommended by Director by K.Anderson seconded by J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas-J.Purvis, A.Perkins, R.Harris, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Scott Huffstetler

David Henderson noted that maintenance was in full force since the growing season for grass has begun.

Rod Vulgamore noted things are going well at South Park and commented on the drainage issues stated by the citizens.

Jason Hoggart commented on the re-arrangement of areas at the Fitness Center that have been made. He noted that aquatics swim lessons are filled already. He state that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on 3-30-19 for the RD Fitness for cross fit facility opening. Chairman Purvis thanked the staff on the hard work and positive actions regarding the cross fit renovation project.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on April 8, 2019