

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 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
Sarah Scott of West Livingston Advisory Committee
Kevin Macaluso of La Show Horse Assn and Erin Sandifer
Gary Talbert, Scooter Keen, Bubba Harris, Livingston Parish Council

Motion to adopt the minutes as mailed for the March 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

Under public input, Councilman Gary Talbert addressed the board and explained the proposed mosquito proposal to be considered on May 4, 2019. He discussed the benefits for the District if the abatement proposal is passed. He explained how the revenue will be collected from a \$3 fee on each resident's water bill from the citizen's water meter registration. He also explained how the operational services to the public and the operational expenses are being projected if the proposal passes. He noted how future testing, pest unit counting, species identification, and justified abatement actions will be handled. It was noted that education measures will unfold to assist the general public. He requested the District to endorse this proposal and give board support due to the benefits to be received by the District in the future.

Mr. Macaluso representing the La. Show Horse Association addressed the board requesting modifications to the horse arena at South Park. Chairman recommended that specific areas of needs be identified with a specific list by Mr. Macaluso in order to be discussed individually with the Chairman and South Park management representative. Chairman reported that most of the fencing failure issues are on private property around South Park. Chairman stated that securing the perimeter of this park via fencing will be addressed in future planning for improvements at South Park.

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

Motion to approve the financial report for March, 2019, with no public comment by R.Harris 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

Superintendent noted that the audit will begin very soon.
He also stated that the official agreement with Raising Canes has been signed regarding receiving grant funds for the dog park improvement project at South Park. He is expecting to receive the funds in April.

Superintendent gave an update on The Pines at Northpark transition period and noted that the staff is working very well. He expects to be fully operational in one month with some modifications in order in the near future. He stated that the license process did not require for each board member to appear before the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms organization as originally thought.

John Arbor, Director, stated that baseball planning is going well for the 2019 season. He noted that the registered participants thus far in 2019, equals the number from 2018 registration. He noted that some equipment will be purchased due to the new schedule of play by ages. He noted that a request has been received for providing some type of youth basketball in addition to the regular planned basketball season.

Chairman noted that a wrestling event held at the West Livingston Gym went very well. Sarah Scott of the West Livingston Advisory Committee stated that operations for West Livingston for the past month is running smoothly. Arthur Perkins noted that a meeting was held recently for a reunion group to request use of the facilities at West Livingston later in the year (planning meetings will determine the exact date later). Chairman noted that research is needed if a display case for West Livingston is available as per prior discussions. It was also stated that there is a need for a stainless prep table for the activity center (Superintendent will address).

David Henderson noted that the South Park Fair went well and some ruts will be addressed with the promoter. He reported that selected equipment from The Pines at Northpark will help both at the golf course and regarding overall maintenance at North Park. He stated that a roof inspection is ongoing at the Tony Dugas Center and that fence repairs from recent accident will be accomplished soon.

Chairman commented on political sign policy on District property and that enforcement should be stressed since the public may be influenced inadvertently if this policy is not enforced.

Jason Hoggart gave a report on the Aquatics and noted membership for fitness should be increasing. He noted fitness class issues when gym events are highly attended. He stated that Aquatics has begun planning actions for the summer. He reported on the opening ceremony for the RD3 Fitness facility opening. Chairman Purvis thanked the staff for such fine efforts for the RD3 center.

Rod Vulgamore noted that South Park was running smoothly.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment 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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on May 13, 2019