

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 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, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, K.Anderson, S.Huffstetler
Absent-Ryan Harris
Guests - Management Employees of the District
Mary Smith of West Livingston Advisory Committee
Debra Keller, Roberts United Methodist Church

Motion to adopt the minutes as mailed for the April 8, 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, S.Huffstetler, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Ryan Harris

Under public input, there were no comments so Chairman continued to next agenda item.

A financial report was provided for the April period of operations and budget line item comparisons for the year were noted by the Administrative Treasurer. An analysis of The Pines at Northpark was given reflecting the results of the golf division for the past five weeks. The board discussed the various actions taken thus far at The Pines. Superintendent gave a summary of accomplishments made thus far.

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

Administrative Treasurer presented a fee proposal for board consideration for providing the District's employees with a direct deposit payroll payment option beginning this summer as approved by the Superintendent.

Motion to approve the proposed direct deposit option as presented by the Administrative Treasurer for payroll processing this summer with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by S.Huffstetler Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, A.Perkins, S.Huffstetler, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Ryan Harris

Superintendent responded on recent negative facebook comments and noted the refresher maintenance action planned for in the next few months.

He reported on the positive comments received regarding The Pines at Northpark recently. He noted that green condition maintenance will require priority attention and he covered other various maintenance actions in upgrading the facilities at this site.

He noted that a review of South Park drainage continues.

He stated that Raising Canes Inc. has sent \$25,000 for the new dog park at South Park along with a \$3000 sponsorship for the summer program.

He stated that the financial audit results are forthcoming and again appear good.

Superintendent noted some issues with citizens who were barred by the prior organization from participation at The Pines.

Superintendent addressed the prior relationship issues regarding the citizen which did not involve the District. He noted that until the individual transgresses with negative actions, the District does will enforce a prior ban on participation for this individual. Board agreed.

John Arbor, Director, stated that baseball participation is up in numbers from the past year. The District is also partnering with Mr. Picou for the potential for basketball camps for 5 to 12 year olds during July at Northpark.

Director gave an evaluation on the competitive soccer team (Pards Lightning). He noted that coaches are underpaid in comparison to other competitive teams in Greater Baton Rouge area. He requested consideration for permission to increase the base salary of the coaches with differing rates commensurate to coaching experience in order to ensure a better quality of play by participants. Julie Dyason-Norris discussed the potential of raising the fees over a few periods of time due to the current Baton Rouge area pricing. Superintendent recommended to consider an increase of program fees after the initial establishment of a quality soccer coaching staff for this competitive soccer division. Board discussed at length the current pricing for participants and coach's compensation.

Motion to authorize an increase in soccer coach compensation as per the Director's recommendation effective immediately with no public comment by S.Huffstetler seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, A.Perkins, S.Huffstetler, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Ryan Harris

Mary Smith of the West Livingston Advisory Committee stated that the operations for West Livingston Park has run smoothly this past month.

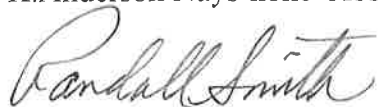
Debra Keller, Associate Pastor of Roberts United Methodist Church addressed the board requesting a co-sponsorship event on 8-3-19 at West Livingston Park. The event, Picnic in the Park will be free to the public along with various benefits paid by the church.

Motion to authorize the co-sponsorship of Picnic in the Park on 8-3-19 at West Livingston Park from 10am till 4pm with Roberts United Methodist Church in order to provide free food and benefits to the public with no public comment by J.Dyason-Norris seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Purvis, A.Perkins, S.Huffstetler, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Ryan Harris

Jason Hoggart gave a report stating that a slight increase in the membership totals for Fitness and Aquatics was achieved. He noted there were 6083 visits to the fitness center. He noted that with warmer weather, the water park numbers should be increasing also.

Rod Vulgamore noted that South Park was running smoothly.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on June 10, 2019