

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020, 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 Arthur Perkins

Present – A. Perkins, J. Dyason-Norris, K. Anderson, S. Elliott, J. Wale, R. Harris, J. Mallett

Absent – None

Guests – Management Employees of the District

Several citizens of southern area of the District – Ben Smith, and another citizen

Motion to adopt the minutes as mailed for the January 16, 2019, meeting with a wording to change on an additional resolution with no public comment by J. Mallett seconded by R. Harris. Vote passed Yeas – A. Perkins, J. Dyason-Norris, K. Anderson, S. Elliot, J. Wale, R. Harris, J. Mallett Nays – None Absent – None

Under public input, resident, Ben Smith addressed the board regarding South Park and requested board consideration for upgrading he basketball courts. He noted past history and that many wish for the goals to be re-installed for public play at South Park. Board reviewed the past history noting that due to past drug, violence, profanity issues the goals have been removed.

Superintendent noted that after the flood the goals were removed due to distractive issues. Board members discussed the potential of installing a new technology camera system at South Park as a pilot program which may allow basketball play and other activities held to be safer at South Park. Board explained upcoming improvements planned for South Park in the near future and discussed the potential of placing goals back into service. Superintendent noted that the cost to replace the goals is estimated at \$2000 and court painting between \$800 and \$1000. Board members recommended to add signage about the rules also. Superintendent is also researching the camera system costs for security.

Board consensus directed Superintendent to collect information regarding all these issues fir the next meeting as well as to research security assistance costs from police organizations.

A financial report was provided for the January period of operations and budget line item comparisons for the year were noted by the Administrative Treasurer. Year to date summary of operation results were given.

Motion to approve the financial report for January, 2020, with no public comment by K. Anderson seconded by R. Harris Vote passed Yeas – A. Perkins, J. Dyason-Norris, K. Anderson, S. Elliott, J. Wale, R. Harris, J. Mallett Nays – None Absent – None

\*Superintendent stated that the 2019 financial audit begins on 4/6/2020.

\*Superintendent presented an amendment from Hannis T Bourgeois CPA regarding the 2019 AUP audit.

Motion to approve the 2019 AUP Audit parameters as presented with no public comment by

J. Dyason-Norris seconded by K. Anderson Vote passed Yeas – A. Perkins, J. Dyason-Norris, K. Anderson, S. Elliott, J. Wale, R. Harris, J. Mallett Nays – None Absent – None

\*Superintendent reported on the duct cleaning that was performed recently at the Dugas Center. He also voiced feedback from the public regarding the soccer fields and why there was no lighting provided. He noted how this was never promised to the public but a perception from some citizenry though the lighting is needed. The new complex is awaiting better weather to completely clear construction for play to begin.

\*He also voiced feedback from the public regarding the High School field maintenance. He summarized the history of the District's role in providing services, the rental rates being collected from LPSB on behalf of DSHS, and the roles promised by the DSHS sports teams. He noted that the maintenance crew has been working hard to get ready for the 2020 season and listed all work performed in detail. He explained that comments from parents have been many (expression of view that that District should provide more). Karen Anderson commented on recent upgrades of facilities at LOHS and Walker High. She stated that many parents are misunderstanding the role of the District. Board recommended for the Superintendent to list all responsibilities in detail for an official meeting with DSHS officials and the District. It was noted that coaches have requested for a new logo and murals to be placed on building structures. Board agreed that any mural must be overseen by the District staff. Superintendent noted that the current contract specifications on responsibilities are listed on a checklist and he will cover with DSHS authorities for a concise understanding.

John Arbor, Program Director, commented that basketball play will be completed next week. He reported on conflicts and incidents during a 7 year old league game which resulted in the banning of an assistant coach from the park. It was noted that police security steps were taken. He stated that soccer registration is doing well so far and that 70 teams will be fielded on February 29<sup>th</sup>. (Coaches agreed on the two shirt policy for this season.) He noted that Brian Mock is retiring after 22 years of coaching a recommended the potential for District Hall of Fame consideration.

David Henderson reported on the West Livingston leak in the kitchen and revealed that the roof must be replaced. He has priced shingles and estimated the cost to be \$34,000 and a metal roof \$40,000. Julie Dyason-Norris recommended to temporarily patch the roof.

\*He also reported that the new soccer complex will be open for play on May 1<sup>st</sup> which was longer than expected due to the wet weather.

Sandy McGrew reported that the Fitness & Aquatics programs are going well and that a new equipment maintenance contract is in place for continual service to the fitness equipment.

Rod Vulgamore commented that work on the floor of the horse arena is in progress at South Park. Superintendent noted that the Horse Association has agreed upon new rental pricing.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by K. Anderson seconded by  
J. Dyson-Norris Vote passed Yeas – A. Perkins, J. Dyson-Norris, K. Anderson, S. Elliott,  
J. Wale, R. Harris, J. Mallett Nays – None Absent – None



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Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

**Next meeting will be held at 6PM on Monday, March 9, 2020**