

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 13, 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 Vice Chairman Julie Dyason-Norris
Present- S.Elliott, J.Wale, J.Dyason-Norris, K.Anderson
Absent-A.Perkins, J.Mallett, R.Harris
Guests - Management Employees of the District
Citizens, Mr. & Mrs. Sandefer and Mr. & Mrs. Pitre(concession vendor)

It was noted that Chairman Arthur Perkins was sick and needed prayers and thoughts.

It was noted that there were no public comments from individuals in attendance, and Vice Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

Motion to adopt the minutes as mailed for the June 18, 2020, meeting with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas- K.Anderson, S.Elliott, J.Wale, J.Dyason-Norris Nays-none Absent-A.Perkins, J.Mallett, R.Harris

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

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

*Superintendent introduced citizens in attendance, who stated they were in attendance to gain knowledge of policies for recreational play due to the restrictions by authorities.

Motion to amend the agenda to discuss item 6a discussing Covid 19 potential restrictions with no public comment by J.Wale seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- K.Anderson, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Wale, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-A.Perkins, J.Mallett, R.Harris

Superintendent reported on discussion with four separate attorneys on new guidance proclamations from Governor's Office and State Fire Marshal Office. The State Fire Marshal office has informed District as of today that the water park may allow a max of 50 individuals including 17 staff to enter the water park facility at any given time. Superintendent recommended to shut down the water park for two weeks and open on August 1, 2020 (weekends only) until school resumes. Board discussed the Governor's proclamation on outdoor recreational restrictions. Mrs. Pitre explained the research on running the concession business under this proclamation. Board discussed the public image on what is a safe opening. Board discussed the water park guidelines as published from "Safe Opening Guidelines" from the Governor's Office. Board questioned if staff can safely maintain correct social distancing. Superintendent commented operation procedures in place thus far on these topics. Mrs. Sandefer commented on suggestions made by the Governor's Office and Fire Marshal Office in relation to children playing recreationally. Board discussed options on a policy to operate under.

Superintendent explained the details of current operations policy and how in recent past park employees had fulfilled compliance to Covid guidelines.

Board discussed various suggestions to secure multiple interpretations of the guidelines on the water park admission restrictions. Board explored options of a potential 4 session system at the water park, but Superintendent noted that payroll costs would exceed paying admissions in his opinion. He recapped the Fire Marshal directive (interpretation) on the facemask issue as well as the park site visit schedule by officers.

Board discussed intention to secure another Fire Marshal opinion regarding water park admission limitations and to request Fire Marshal opinion for the four session approach regarding compliance.

Motion to request Superintendent to secure clarification of the State Fire Marshal guideline regarding the water park restrictions and how restrictions are viewed if water park operations can maintain proper social distancing procedures with no public comment by J.Wale seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas-K.Anderson, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Wale, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-A.Perkins, J.Mallett, R.Harris

Motion to authorize Superintendent or designee to keep water park open to the extent allowed by the State Fire Marshal guidelines and in accordance with current regulations in order to operate with sound financial budgeting practices with minimal financial loss results for a period until the next Governor's Proclamation is made with no public comment by J.Wale seconded by S.Elliott Yeas-K.Anderson, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Wale, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-A.Perkins, J.Mallett, R.Harris

Superintendent covered current operation procedures being followed at the FAC concerning the membership use. Board consensus agreed with procedures. He summarized that sports play continues and the details of current procedures being followed for the remaining two weeks of play. Board also agreed on procedures. He noted that all parents will receive detailed guidance plans via email beginning on Tuesday, 7-14-2020.

John Arbor, Program Director, reported that fall registration for soccer play has revealed that 700 have paid thus far. Schedule drafts are planned for next week and he explained the affiliation with La. Soccer. Director recommended to schedule soccer league play as late as possible which may affect the smaller participation sports (flag football, etc.) Board consensus agreed to direct Director to schedule fall soccer as proposed. Director also noted that expenses for child care were cut due to the restrictions on numbers of paying participants.

Superintendent did note that The Pines operations is going well with many tourneys.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on Monday, August 10, 2020 (Millage Adoption)