The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021, 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 Julie Dyason-Norris
Present- S.Elliott, J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, K.Anderson, D.J.Ramirez, J.Wale, R.Harris
Absent-none
Guests - Management Employees of the District
Sarah Scott, West Livingston Advisory Committee
Zach Miller, Director of Soccer

Motion to adopt the minutes as presented for the April 12, 2021, meeting with no public comment by J.Mallet seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas- S.Elliott, R.Harris, J.Dyason,Norris, K.Anderson, J.Mallett, D.J.Ramirez Nays-none Absent-none
Not voting- J.Wale

No public comments were made 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.

Motion to approve the financial report for April, 2021, with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas- S.Elliott, J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, K.Anderson, J.Mallett, D.J.Ramirez, J.Wale Nays-none Absent-none

Superintendent introduced Zach Miller, Director of Soccer. He addressed the board and gave a report on the progress of the competitive soccer growth, pricing, and attraction from participants in the greater Livingston Parish area. He stated that the end of the season for all teams is near. He stated that he was very pleased with past year's fall and spring sessions. He noted that tryouts for the upcoming competitive season were held recently yielding 103 partcipants for only one age group (encouraging). He stated the need for lighting improvements for all soccer leagues for night play and gave ideas for fund raising to assist the soccer program.
He explained the agreement with three high schools to use fields for Pards practice play. Superintendent commented on the positive comments made regarding the current pricing, value, and growth of the Pards league. Mr. Miller gave quotes on lighting installation which is estimated at $300,000 for LED for 2 full size fields. He is pursuing the potential of grants. Board discussed financial needs of the growing programs. Board thanked Mr. Miller for his efforts during these growth years for soccer.

John Arbor, Director, reported that baseball was to begin today but weather is challenging. He noted that adult soccer will have 9 teams and planning for basketball for late fall of 2021.

Sarah Scott of the WLAC reported on plans on honoring Mr. Arthur Perkins and requested another signage display board installed for the activity center for communication purposes (est. $300).
She stated that summer camp volunteers are being recruited and will be finalized for the start of the summer program.

Chairman requested the official proposal on the West Livingston Program for board consideration (feeding program and summer program- June through July). It was noted that the feeding program is a state program.

Sarah Scott requested that "rules of the park" be posted via signage for all visitors. Superintendent agreed to follow up on this request.

Board began discussion on the summer program at West Livingston and responsibility of workers, security, and actual contacts for the group hosting the program. Board recommended that for the upcoming year 2022, Camp Empowerment details must be provided in the spring for board consideration.

Motion to give permission to Sarah Scott to use specific areas of the West Livingston park campus in order to host Camp Empowerment on 6-7-21 through 7-30-21 subject to the securement of a hold harmless agreement and contingent upon no conflicts with park rental activity during this period with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by R.Harris Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R.Harris, D.J.Ramirez, K.Anderson, J.Mallett, J.Wale Nays-none Absent-none

David Henderson reported that the bridge repair project was completed.
He stated that a vendor is making preparation for the painting of the Tony Dugas Center soon.
He reported that flowers were planted at entrances.
He explained the water pump operational issue resolution at the Water Park.
He noted bathroom adjustments made recently.
Chairman discussed past month auto accident along fence line on Lockhart Road and if any options can be found to safeguard the playground area nearby.

Superintendent noted that the swim team has registered 60 participants.
It was noted that the Water Park opened on 5-1-2021 and will be open on weekends until school closes then daily hours weekly.
He stated that the Fitness program piloted "bring a friend" promotion and 22 new members have signed up.
He recapped the rain impact at The Pines in April, but that a glow ball tourney is scheduled in May.

He noted that South Park is recovering from a car show held by the Denham Dad's organization. Final dress up is being scheduled once weather permits.

D.J. Ramirez summarized the beautification committee's review of grounds made recently. He noted that identification of painting needs, bathroom adjustments, miscellaneous jobs and various items needing updating around the park.

There was no Chairman report.

Jeff Wale asked if the new school tax resolution vote which was passed would impact park programs for the District.

Superintendent commented that maintenance cost estimates for field operations would be reduced since the large fields would not be maintained at the standard needed by the high school teams. Also, it was noted that new rental revenue may increase since availability of fields will result by not being reserved by the high schools.

There were no further board comments.

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

Randall Smith

Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on Monday, June 14, 2021