

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 13, 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 ,K.Anderson, J.Wale, R.Harris, J.Dyason-Norris, Ray Riley, Jr.,
J.Mallett Absent-none
Guests - Management Employees of the District
Jim Ryan, Livingston Parish Financial Advisor
Ben Bankston, Crews & Associates

Being no public in attendance or comments, Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 8-9-21 meeting as mailed with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris,S.Elliott, R.Harris, K.Anderson, Ray Riley Jr. J.Mallett Nays-none Absent-none Not voting-Jeffrey Wale

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

Motion to approve the financial report for August, 2021, with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R.Harris, K.Anderson, R.Riley,J.Mallett Nays-none Absent-none Not Voting-Jeffrey Wale

Jim Ryan addressed the board regarding the potential of re-funding the current debt of 6.8 million. He explained the history of the current 2014 series bonds at an average rate of 3.98% and gave an update on the current bond market conditions. He stated that he believes the market will possibly yield at 2.25% interest rate if the re-funding is accomplished and that the District would save in excess of \$400,000 over the life of the bond payment schedule. He explained the time line of this action and the steps needed in order to eventually re-fund the 2014 series. Board discussed and fielded questions.

Jeffrey Wale arrived at the meeting

Motion to authorize Livingston Parish Recreation District 3 of Livingston Parish, State of Louisiana to proceed with the issuance of its not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) of Revenue Refunding Bonds, in one or more series; providing certain terms of said Bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; appointing Bond Counsel, Independent Registered Municipal Advisor, and Underwriter/Placement Agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith with no public comment by Karen Anderson seconded by Ryan Harris Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, S.Ellioott, R.Harris, K.Anderson, R.Riley Jr, J.Mallett Nays-none Absent-none Abstaining-Jeffrey Wale

Superintendent gave a hurricane Ida report, noting that 100 trees are down in entire park system. Debris clean up is about 90% complete so far and he noted how the staff has been so dedicated during the power outage and disruption of services. He noted that he secured various quotes on tree removal services and due to the emergency selected the low quote. He stated that the emergency tree removal will amount to near \$100,000.

*He reported on each park site's tree damage and the recovery efforts of many to remove the safety exposure of fallen trees and debris. It was noted that a FEMA/Gohsep application for reimbursement will be made for public assistance since a Federal declaration makes provision for this measure.

*He noted that the District is assisting electrical linemen who are in area for the public restoration of power by allowing sleeping quarters and parking spaces. It was also stated that support supplies were donated for the workers. Jeffrey Wale thanked staff for their efforts that he witnessed on serving. Chairman noted the great service response by staff and thanked them for helping the community and the park.

*Superintendent reminded the board that routine revenue will be impacted from storm interruption of services.

Director, John Arbor stated that soccer season was delayed one week but has resumed.

*He stated that flag football and fall baseball registration is now in progress.

*He shared feedback on the pilot 3-4 year old T ball league which will probably lead to changing the league to just 4 year olds in 2022.

*He noted that the before and after program has about 125 participants currently and that the loss of staff to higher pay elsewhere has been encountered.

*He reported that he has received permission from Parish School officials to send communication information home with students relating to park activities. He has worked on this for years and finally has approval which should improve the registration process on all sports.

*Pay scale rates were discussed by the Director and Superintendent in relation to the public job market. No changes were recommended at this time.

There was no West Livingston report.

David Henderson, Supervisor, noted that a few windows at West Livingston were replaced due to the storm and fencing was damaged at North Park maintenance barn as well as some trees at The Pines. He is researching metal material fencing option versus wood type fencing.

He also noted some equipment issues being addressed.

Courtney Stevens reported that AquaPards membership use of the facilities was somewhat impacted due to the storm, but usage is returning to normal now. She stated that the pool appears in good working order and will re-open this week.

Paige Frederick, Fitness Director, stated that two new programs will begin next week and that Yoga class begins on 9-20-21. The cross fit program re-opened last week.

Rod Vulgamore, South Park Supervisor, noted extensive clean up activity and the heavy damage all over. He stated that trailer park fencing fell along with perimeter fencing of adjacent neighborhood (not owned by Park).

There were no committee reports, but it was noted that a public relations committee will schedule meeting soon. Ryan Harris recommended to research how the digital signs are used for public comments by other organizations. Chairman recommended for Director to research if temporary digital signs are available.

Chairman had no report for August.

Under old business, it was noted that the Tiger Aquatics contract was revised from board comments and will be forwarded to the organization for approval.

Jeffrey Wale requested information on securing a new sign at North Park. Superintendent noted the history and storm damage which now emphasizes the need for a new sign. He will be researching sponsor participation for consideration for a new sign. It was noted that the Public Relations Committee will address with the Superintendent. Board members discussed sign styles to consider during the research.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on Monday, October 11, 2021