

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, 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, noting that any public may comment on any agenda item or resolution during discussion period for same.

Present-J.Dyason-Norris, J.Wale, J.Mallett, R.Harris, S.Elliott

Absent-Karen Anderson, Ray Riley Jr.

Guests - Management Employees of the District

Public-none

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 10-10-22 meeting as mailed with no public comment by J.Wale seconded by R.Harris. Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, R.Harris, S.Elliott, J.Wale Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson, Ray Riley Jr

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

Motion to approve the financial report for October, 2022, with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, J.Mallett, J.Wale, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson, Ray Riley Jr

Superintendent presented the specifications for the concession services (sports and aquapards), sports equipment, and uniforms which need to be advertised for bids.

Motion to advertise for bids as recommended by Superintendent for the 2023 concession services (all areas), uniforms, and sports equipment with the specifications presented with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by J.Wale Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, J.Mallett, J.Wale, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson, Ray Riley Jr

Superintendent noted that the softball field renovation has begun recently and that Field 2 is 90% complete on its' upgrade (netting materials need to be ordered along with signage. This renovation shall be completed before season play.

He also noted that the benefit committee is scheduled Friday 11-18-22 and that the Christmas celebration shall be held on December 16, 2022.

Director, John Arbor reported that basketball registration numbers are up from the previous year numbers.

He stated that there were 3108 participants in all sports in 2021 and so far in 2022 there are 3123 participating with a potential of 400 more in basketball.

He reported that the soccer fundraiser golf tournament had to be postponed until March 4, 2023, due to weather and potential of more attendance/sponsor support then.

Board discussed the plans to ensure success on this fundraiser event.

Director noted that an adult softball league is being planned for as a new item.

Courtney Stevens reported that this was the last week of High School swim team use of the pool per the schedule.

Ms Stevens is planning for the 2023 year with the potential of a Pards swim team.

Chairman gave feedback on a marketing promotion available in the market place.

Paige Frederick discussed the current busy mornings and stated that the night shifts seem to be lacking use by the public. She will consider plans to improve attendance by the public such as ‘Bring a Friend program’ as a promotion along with emphasis on pickle ball play for options to the public. She also stated that marshal arts classes will begin next year.

Stephanie Morris noted that The Pines operations continue to do well with the winter series beginning until March 11, 2023. She stated that High School golf tryouts have begun and that various high school players have been practicing on the course. She also noted that the number of women included in players participating has increased this year. She stated that the greens are being renovated presently until mid December.

Rod Vulgamore noted that Trunk or Treat event was very successful. He also noted that a dead tree will be removed for safety reasons.

There was no L.M. Lockhart Advisory Committee report given.

Ryan Harris presented the Budget Committee preliminary budget amendment for 2022 and the 2023 budget. Superintendent summarized the details of the proposed budgets. Ryan Harris also noted that included in the budget proposal is a 2% COLA factor for 2023. Board discussed at length the full proposal from the committee and the timeline for feedback before adoption next month.

There was no old business.

There were no committee reports.

Chairman stated that the North Park Sign at the entrance is installed. Chairman expressed appreciation to the staff for the performance during this past year.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on Monday, December 12, 2022