

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023, 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.Mallett, R.Harris, S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr., J.Wale

Absent-Karen Anderson

Guests - Management Employees of the District

Public-Kristan Adams, Purple Martin Project

LM Lockart Advisory Committee members-Melvin Jackson, Roderick Steele, Daniel Landry

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 1-9-23 meeting as mailed with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by J.Mallett. Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, R.Harris, S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-K.Anderson Not voting-Jeffrey Wale

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.

Motion to approve the financial report for January, 2023, with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by R.Harris Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, J.Mallett, R.Riley Jr., S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-K.Anderson Not voting-Jeffrey Wale

Superintendent reported that the improvements on the softball complex are 95% complete and that the track bathroom is under construction with electricity upgrades due to the past fire. He also noted that the staff is very busy performing many maintenance actions.

Jeffrey Wale arrived at the meeting.

Director, John Arbor reported on 2023 registrations, noting that 812 have registered for spring soccer (last year 755). He stated that practice begins this week and drafting groups will begin this week also.

He summarized that registration for spring/summer sports begins on 2-20-23 with play beginning on 4-4-23.

He stated that basketball season ends at the end of February.

Zach Miller of the Pards Soccer Club addressed the board on a field proposal. He presented a proposal along with a history of the lighting needs and space needs.

He requested some adjustments by management to provide a safer soccer play area with bathroom access and field use of the large baseball field.

Board discussed the soccer season and field demands. Board thanked Mr. Miller for the proposal. Chairman directed the proposal to the Planning Committee for consideration.

Courtney Stevens reported on FAQ activity, noting public demand for classes. She stated that the indoor pool is booked for parties through March. Discussion on the fitness membership and rentals was made.

Stephanie Morris reported that the Pards Soccer fund raiser tourney is scheduled for 3-4-23 and hopes the weather cooperates.

Mrs. Morris noted that the first high school match will be held in March and noted that more golfers are coming back to the course for play. She continues efforts on securing cart rental cost estimates.

Rod Vulgamore noted that South Park is wet but maintenance is continuing. He stated that 28 new trees were planted recently.

Roderick Steele reported on the L M Lockhart matters. He noted that Camp Empowerment support on insurance and food services have been secured. He noted that the Committee meets on the first Monday of each month. Chairman requested the listing of the official membership proposed for 2023 as previously promised. The list needs to be formally approved by the District board. Chairman also noted that the LM Lockhart Advisory Committee needs to post each meeting agenda 24 hours in advance of the official committee meeting to comply with public meeting laws. Mr. Steele agreed on the postings. Melvin Jackson requested if use of the center at LM Lockhart Park can be made by a group of pastors to host a marriage training event. Chairman recommended that this request be made under the rental policy for non-profit organizations.

Motion to amend the agenda discussion for item #1 to item #15 as recommended by Jeffrey Wale with no public comment by J.Wale seconded by J.Mallett Vote Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, J.Mallett, R.Riley Jr., J.Wale, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-K.Anderson

Chairman recommended for Planning Committee to meet soon (R.Harris, J.Mallett, J.Dyason-Norris and that the Public Relations Committee meet in the next week (S.Elliott, J.Wale, J.Dyason-Norris).

Kristan Adams presented an annual report (8<sup>th</sup> year) on the purple martin program at North Park. She noted the success of the May 14, 2022 event with public participation. She shared various actions this past year on banding, counting, and assembly of data for the birds. She reported that this year's event is planned for May 13, 2023. Board thanked Mrs. Adams for her efforts.

Motion to adopt the La Audit Compliance Questionnaire as presented with several changes to answers with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by J.Mallett Vote Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, J.Mallett, R.Riley Jr., J.Wale, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-K.Anderson

There were no further board comments, committee reports or Chairman report. There was no old business.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

**Next meeting will be held at 6PM on Monday, March 13 2023**