

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 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, K.Anderson, J.Wale, R.Rilery, Jr.
Absent-none

Guests - Management Employees of the District

Public-LM Lockart Advisory Committee members-Daniel Landry, Melvin Jackson, Maria Riley, candidate for Livingston Parish Council District 3- Allie Cassel, and Rhonda Kolar of Denham Springs Chamber Leadership Livingston

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 3-13-23 meeting as mailed with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, R.Harris, S.Elliott, K.Anderson. Nays-none Absent-none Not voting-Jeffrey Wale, Ray Riley Jr.

Jeffrey Wale arrived at the meeting.

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

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

Ray Riley, Jr. arrived at the meeting.

Superintendent reported that the construction re-hab work has begun on Field 5 and that Field 6 will begin soon.

He noted that the financial audit is proceeding.

He shared an update on securing quotes on the A/C controller system which needs replacement. He is awaiting the three quotes.

He reported on the creation of an Administrative Program Director position and that only one applicant has shown interest. He recommended to fill this position with a current staff member (13 years experience) which will result in no new payroll expense.

He would like to make this move this week ahead of the summer sports seasons. Board agreed with this move.

Director, John Arbor reported that the baseball/softball 2023 registration resulted in 1035 participants. He noted that soccer games will be completed through the month of April. He stated that a mandatory coaches meeting will be held on 4-13-23 on all rules and draft procedures.

He recommended that the Program Committee meet as soon as possible (R.Harris, Ray Riley Jr, and Karen Anderson). This meeting was set for 10AM on 4-12-23.

Jay Mallett requested information from the Director on the past basketball incidents.

Director stated that he will address new information with the Program Committee.

Paige Frederick reported that various promotions on membership appear to be successful this past month. She noted that some additional fitness classes are being offered over a four week period. She did state that the martial arts class did not materialize as planned since the instructor backed out.

Superintendent noted that Courtney Stevens is working with Life Guard training and certification needs with new summer staff.

Stephanie Morris reported that golf season has begun on 4-1-23 and that the 5th glow ball scramble will be held tonight. She summarized that the course is in very good shape.

Rod Vulgamore stated that two trees were recently removed near front entrance for safety reasons at South Park.

L M Lockhart Advisory Committee member, Melvin Jackson presented the committee minutes copies to the board.

Maria Riley presented Camp Empowerment 2023 Program outline. She summarized that donations are being received for aspects of the program. She noted that the program will be a youth based program and would provide learning benefits for participants at no fee. She summarized the structure of the organization (Kindergarten thru 6th grade age groups). The camp is planned to be held Monday thru Friday in June 2023 and two weeks in July 2023. Superintendent noted that the LM Lockhart Park calendar is clear for the weeks in July. Mrs. Riley stated that sponsor comments have been fielded regarding securing supplies after the close of camp each evening during Camp Empowerment. Superintendent commented that these needs will be communicated to the staff for security coordination at the end of each day as best that can be provided.

Melvin Jackson recommended that a project be approved led by the Leadership Livingston group (chaired by Rhonda Kolar) involving three tasks. The first would be the painting of a mural, second-flagpole area refurbishment, and third- various pressure washing actions in areas of the park.

Board made full discussion on the first task and the need for oversight of what type of art mural be placed onto the public building at LM Lochart Park. Superintendent commented that task 2 and 3 should not present any problem getting performed.

Board members thanked Ms. Kolar on efforts thus far with this project.

Chairman recommended that the Beautification Committee (Jay Mallett, Karen Anderson, Ray Riley, Jr) be involved on the mural selection process with advice from the LM Lockhart Advisory Committee.

Chairman recommended for ideas to be presented to the Beautification Committee.

Board discussed the process and the need for interaction with Superintendent/Administration.

Ray Riley, Jr. commented that proposed artwork go thru Administrative channels for parameters and then presented to the Beautification Committee.

Melvin Jackson commented that concerns were voiced from LMLAC members relating to rental groups not having proper security enforcement. He stated that more security is needed for events to protect outside interaction. Board discussed adding contract language, but noted that enforcement difficulties are always a challenge.

Chairman recapped the current rental policy when security is required.

It was noted that there were no committee reports to be given.

Chairman noted that there was no old business for discussion.

There were no further public comments.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on Monday, May 8, 2023