

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 14, 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, S.Elliott, K.Anderson, J.Wale, R.Riley, Jr., Ryan Harris Absent-none

Guests - Management Employees of the District

Public-LM Lockart Advisory Committee members-Daniel Landry, Melvin Jackson, Maria Riley, Debra Mitchell

Alli Castles, citizen

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 6-12-23 meeting as mailed with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, K.Anderson. J.Mallett Nays-none Absent-Ryan Harris Not voting- Ray Riley Jr.

Ray Riley Jr. arrived at the meeting.

Administrative Treasurer read the proposed 2023 resolution for Ad Valorem adoption noting that the total millage is 14.31 mills for 2023. There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt to levy on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject by the Livingston Parish Recreation District 3 for Maintenance purposes the rate of 14.13 mills for 2023 and further resolved that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of the said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law, resolution made with no public comment by Sharon Elliott seconded by J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas- Karen Anderson,Ryan Harris, Sharon Elliott, Jay Mallett, Julie Dyason-Norris, Jeffrey Wale, Ray Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-none

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

Motion to approve the financial report for July, 2023, with no public comment by R.Harris seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, S.Elliott, K.Anderson, J.Wale, R.Riley Jr., R.Harris Nays-none Absent-none

Superintendent introduced Alli Castles who addressed the board. She presented a power point presentation on a safety program for women (Empower Her Program). She explained the safety for women seminars that she has been involved in over the past months. She summarized the major components of this program. She proposed to run this program free to the public if allowed to host at parks facilities.

Board discussed and assigned the consideration to the Public Relations Committee. Chairman thanked Mrs. Castles for the proposal.

*Superintendent reported on the temperature control repair quotes that he secured since June. He noted that the low quote amounted to \$30,862 from Star Services LLC. Board discussed the details of the repair.

Motion to award the temperature control repair contract to Star Services LLC at the low quote amount of \$30,862 which will be paid under the contingency improvement budget as recommended by the Superintendent with no public comment by J.Wale seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, S.Elliott, K.Anderson, J.Wale, R.Riley Jr., R.Harris Nays-none Absent-none

Superintendent gave a general maintenance report on the L M Lockhart site, noting that \$7200 HVAC, \$3500 sewer cap, \$5500 windows, \$1000 gym door, and \$1100 for playground equipment repair parts. He also noted that the HVAC repairs at the Fitness Aquatics will total \$15,000 (2 units) and a major pump for the superslide is waiting for repairs on 8-16-23 in order to get operational. He also stated that the splash pad control button is broken at LM Lockhart.

He also stated that soccer nets will be installed along fields to prevent lost balls and that Demco has agreed to help by installing poles that the netting will be attached to.

Director, John Arbor reported that 625 have registered for the fall season soccer and that the adult soccer season finished. He commented that overall the entire summer season play ended well with no negative incidents reported.

Courtney Stevens commented on the good water park season and that final weekends will complete the season. She stated that high school use has begun at the pool.

Paige Frederick noted that a pilot program regarding a pickle ball tournament will be held on 10-15-23 with 20 to 30 players expected (entry fee \$65). She also explained a free class offering for existing FAC members.

Stephanie Morris reported on The Pines busy summer season even with the heat conditions. She noted an increase in junior golfers and introduced a fall line up of activities planned for. She stated that the 1st 2023 weekday scramble championship will be held and a two night glow ball event is planned.

Rod Vulgamore stated that many trees are falling with this dry weather which will result in maintenance funds. Karen Anderson noted that a new proposal regarding skateboarding options will be forthcoming from some citizens for South Park, but she communicated to the citizens that fund availability is limited.

L M Lockhart Advisory Committee member, Daniel Landry stated that there was no monthly meeting last month. He noted some areas of concern at LM Lockhart. He questioned if there was any news to report on the mural. Superintendent stated that a committee meeting is set for discussion on the preliminary information. Mr.Landry requested his wish that all sports registration flyers or forms could be specially made available to the community children.

Jeffrey Wale left the meeting.

Maria Riley presented a final report for 2023 regarding Camp Empowerment and thanked the board for all the support this year. She stated that it appeared that all the kids enjoyed the provided programs this summer. A video summary is available on her web site. She stated that the 2024 dates for calendar consideration have been submitted (June 3 through July 12, 2024). Chairman recommended that she present a proposal of other dates that she mentioned for special events in order to properly coordinate on the master calendar. Superintendent also recommended this be in writing.

There were no Committee reports.

There was no Chairman report, but Chairman congratulated Ray Riley Jr upon his recent marriage.

Under old business, Ryan Harris submitted his official resignation due to the move of his residence and noted that he recommended his replacement to the Parish. Chairman thanked Ryan for his years of service.

There were no further public comments.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 6PM on Monday, September 11, 2023