

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 9, 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, S.Elliott, J.Wale, R.Riley, Jr., Roni Juneau
Absent-K.Anderson, J.Mallett
Management Employees of the District
Public-Andrea Donohue
L.M. Lockhart Advisory Committee-Daniel Landry, Melvin Jackson

Prayer was led by the Administrative Treasurer and the pledge was given.

Chairman welcomed Roni Juneau to the board of commissioners upon her recent appointment by the Livingston Parish Council.

There were no public comments, so Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 9-11-23 meeting as mailed with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by R.Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau Nays-none Absent-K.Anderson, J.Mallett Not Voting-J.Wale

Jeffrey Wale arrived at the meeting.

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

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

Superintendent gave a repair update on the air condition unit at the Fitness Center and noted that a large expense will be budgeted for it in 2024.

*He stated that the temperature circulation issue has been patched and that an option to use an alternative single heat system with a backup is being researched along with other options.

*He stated the need for the program committee meeting to be held soon.

*He commented on large public groups with residences outside our District are using soccer areas. In an attempt to give playing fields rest from play, he is attempting to secure advice from security on how to firmly restrict these outside individuals from the designated areas roped off.

*Superintendent reported that the Parish Council Trunk or Treat event will be held on 10-31-23 at South Park and our District is participating in this event.

*He reported on a request from Danielle Robinson for use of park on 10-28-23 at no charge for her LLC to host a social event. He explained the policy for non-profit organization discount as per the rental policy. Board discussed this request and agreed to reply the District's response with the current policy rate.

*He noted that the budget planning has begun and the Budget Committee will meet soon.

Superintendent noted that November 11, 2023 will be the date for the Veterans Day event at L.M.Lockhart park along with a trunk or treat on 10-31-23 also at L.M.Lockhart park.

Director, John Arbor, reported that 285 participants are in the flag football program (mostly younger kids) and that games begin on 10-17-23.

*He noted that 260 participate in the Pards Soccer Club and many fields are being used heavily. He also stated that the soccer season participants was up again in 2023.

*He explained his plans to move baseball season in 2024 up in order to be complete by early June, 2024.

Courtney Stevens reported that pool attendance has been at a maximum level and that lap swimmer use is up. She did note the reality of lifeguard shortages.

Paige Frederick stated that the Pickle Ball participants continues to grow and the tournament is scheduled for 10-14-23 with 80 participants. She also commented that the women's self defense course went very well and was for existing members. Another defense event which will be open to the public will be held on November 14, 2023. Board discussed the positive aspects of exposure to the public on this type function.

Stephanie Morris's report at The Pines. Maintenance is going well despite the extreme dry conditions. She noted on how activity is up even with heat conditions. A championship event was completed with course champions declared. She summarized the scramble scheduled events during 2023 as a success. She noted that glow ball is planned for later in the fall and noted the 2024 programs being scheduled. She stated that all staff positions are filled.

Rod Vulgamore stated that two dead trees due to lightning will be very expensive to remove and summarized the plans for the upcoming Trunk or Treat event at South Park. Discussion of possible future Pickle Ball use at South Park was made. He did note that football organizations are heavily using the facilities.

Daniel Landry and Melvin Jackson of the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee stated that they had nothing to report.

Andrea Donohue asked if the expansion of the splash pads were in future plans. Superintendent and Chairman responded that other budget priorities per the master plan are ahead of this type expansion.

Daniel Landry asked if any information is available regarding maintenance on two windows and drainage spot adjacent to an entrance door. Superintendent responded that the drainage issue was completed and that the window project will be costly and will be considered under a maintenance budget in a future year.

Chairman stated that the new L.M.Lockhart Advisory Committee members need to be appointed in the new year and that list needs to be submitted soon.

There were no Committee reports.

Under the Chairman report, she stated that the board was looking forward to a new year in 2024 and summarized the increase of overall participants in every program. She will be appointing new committee members and that in January 2024 new officer elections will be held.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

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