

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 8th, 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. Roll was then called by Gary Templeton.

Present-Julie Dyason-Norris, Roni Juneau, Karen Anderson, Sharon Elliot, Jay Mallett,

Absent- Ray Riley, Jeffrey Wale

Public-None

L.M. Lockhart- Daniel Landry

Julie Dyason-Norris Led the Pledge of Allegiance and Karen Anderson led us in prayer.

Chairman then motioned at 6:02 p.m. to adopt the minutes of the 12/11/2023 meeting, she mentioned that the new software program Playmetrics was misspelled in the minutes as Claymetrics and needed to be corrected. Also the date for the L.M. Lockhart election of officers needed to be changed from January to February 2024 with no public comment.

Motion to accept the minutes by Karen Anderson, and seconded by Jay Mallet

Superintendent Gary Templeton then presented the financials at 6:05 p.m. He mentioned that Randall Smith was currently out after having surgery but was doing fine and expected back soon. He specified that the 2023 amended budget came in very close to the projected 2023 budget, which was very good for the park heading into 2024. He was then asked by Chairman Julie Dyason-Norris if the park has received any of the checks for 2024. Gary specified that the park had received a smaller check in the amount of 391,000 but was waiting on the larger checks to come in. At this point Jay Mallett mentioned that he has observed memberships at the fitness center to be increasing greatly due to the large number of Pickleball players signing up at the Fitness Center. He also mentioned that he also loves playing Pickleball and the numbers are growing every month.

Chairman Julie Dyason-Norris then asked for a motion to approve the Financials at 6:09 p.m.

Motion to accept the minutes with no public comment by Jay Mallett, and seconded by Sharon Elliot.

Vote passed- Julie Dyason-Norris Yes, Roni Juneau Yes, Karen Anderson Yes, Ray Riley Absent, Sharon Elliot Yes, Jeffrey Wale Absent, Jay Mallett Yes. Nays- None

Chairman then moved to the Superintendent's report at 6:09 p.m.

Superintendent Gary gave an update on the ongoing gas heater issues at the Fitness and Aquatics center. He mentioned that Walker Gas was currently in the process of ordering a special meter from a company in Mississippi and has specialists coming out to install the meter. He also mentioned that Walker Gas said it's possible that the meter they have currently installed might have been wrong for quite some time. He said we are hoping that the new meter is installed this week and the gas heaters are operational by next week. He also mentioned the parking lot lights are being fixed and should be a lot brighter at night in the parking lot areas. He

then began to discuss he was in the process of refinancing the bond for the fitness and aquatics center and should help lower the monthly payments. This should help out tremendously in the long run. Lastly, he proposed an informational flier he has been working on to help spread some facts about PARDS to the community with the upcoming Millage tax renewal set to be voted on in 2024. After some discussion, minor adjustments to the flier suggested and the chairman then moved to vote for approval of the flier with no public comment.

Vote passed- Julie Dyason-Norris Yes, Roni Juneau Yes, Karen Anderson Yes, Ray Riley Absent, Sharon Elliot Yes, Jeffrey Wale Absent, Jay Mallett Yes. Nays- None. Vote approved.

Superintendent then brought up a discussion to moving the February board meeting due to the busy and condensed calendar in February. The discussion about moving the meeting later to February 19th would be beneficial to allow enough time for all paperwork and announcements to be made. It was also discussed about changing the start time for the board meeting and moving it up earlier. After some discussion the start time was settled on 5:30 p.m. as this time worked well for all involved. A vote was called to approve both the February meeting date and moving the start time of this meeting and all future meetings up to 5:30 p.m with no public comment.

Vote passed- Julie Dyason-Norris Yes, Roni Juneau Yes, Karen Anderson Yes, Ray Riley Absent, Sharon Elliot Yes, Jeffrey Wale Absent, Jay Mallett Yes. Nays- None. Vote approved.

Superintendent then moved to the 2024 concessions, uniform and sports equipment bid acceptance discussion.

The discussion started with concessions bids for the 2024 year.

Concession bids for all sports had two bidders turn in bids for these concessions. Both companies came in with the exact bid of 22% for the sports concessions

Off the top concessions 22%

C&L Concessions 22%

It was discussed that both will resubmit bids to determine who the contract is awarded to. The deadline for the bids will be sent out this week. Only these two companies may turn in a new bid for this contract.

Motion to adopt the rebid for PARDS Sports Concessions. Motioned by Roni Juneau, Seconded by Jay Mallett.

Aqua PARDS Concession contract has three companies bid for the 2024 contract.

Off the top concessions 25%

C&L Concessions 22%

*Fat Rnyz Concessions 28%

Fat Boyz Concessions has won the bid for Aqua PARDS 2024 concessions contract with a winning bid of 28%

Motion to adopt the bid for Aqua Pards Concessions with no public comment. Motioned by Jay Mallett, Seconded by Sharon Elliot. Vote to pass

Vote passed- Julie Dyason-Norris Yes, Roni Juneau Yes, Karen Anderson Yes, Ray Riley Absent, Sharon Elliot Yes, Jeffrey Wale Absent, Jay Mallett Yes. Nays- None. Vote to approve

The 2024 bids for sports equipment were next:

Superintendent discussed the two bidders for sports equipment for the 8-line items and presented the board with a copy of the submitted bids and tally sheet.

Motion to accept the bids for 2024 sports equipment bids from the two bidders (Sport N Center and BSN Sports) as presented with purchases to be made at the most advantageous price bid per item considering availability of said item per recommendation of the Superintendent and Director with no public comment.

Motioned by Sharon Elliot, Seconded by Jay Mallet. Vote to accept

Vote passed- Julie Dyason-Norris Yes, Roni Juneau Yes, Karen Anderson Yes, Ray Riley Absent, Sharon Elliot Yes, Jeffrey Wale Absent, Jay Mallett Yes. Nays- None. Vote to approve

Uniform bids were as follows

Item 1-Baseball uniforms	Winner: Sport-N-Center
Item 2-Swim Suits	Winner: Swim Outlet
Item 3-Lifeguard uniforms	Winner: Swim Outlet
Item 4-Kids camp shirts	Winner: Swim Outlet
Item 5-Champion Shirts	Winner: Sport-N-Center
Item 6-Flag football uniforms	Winner: Sport-N-Center
Item 7-Basketball uniforms.	Winner: Sport-N-Center
Item 8-Soccer uniforms	Winner: Sport-N-Center

Motion to accept the bids for 2024 uniform bids with no public comment. Motioned by Jay Mallet, Seconded by Roni Juneau. Vote to accept

Vote passed- Julie Dyason-Norris Yes, Roni Juneau Yes, Karen Anderson Yes, Ray Riley Absent, Sharon Elliot Yes, Jeffrey Wale Absent, Jay Mallett Yes. Nays- None Vote approved,

Chairman moved to the director's update John Arbour at 6:39 p.m.

John Arbour discussed that our Basketball season is underway with games. Everyone is loving the new Playmetrics program and has said the communication has never been better between parents and coaches. He also mentioned Soccer registration kicked off last week and is already way ahead of schedule with the number of registrations. Last he mentioned we are trying to wrap up our winter adult soccer league season as long as the weather cooperates, we should be done by the 23rd of January.

Chairman moved to the Fitness and Aquatics directors reports at 6:42 p.m.

Gary Templeton reported that fitness is currently starting new programs and pickleball numbers are up. He then mentions about the current pool heating issues from the heaters on the aquatics side that we hope will be up and running soon. Karen Anderson commented that memberships for December were up and looked very promising.

Chairman moved to The Pines at Northpark report at 6:44 p.m.

Gary Templeton mentioned the Pines will be closed on 1/9/2024 as they are doing some work to the course and with the incoming weather this was a great opportunity. He also mentioned we are currently working on a new lease for 2024 on a fleet of golf carts and hope to have that finalized soon. Several members mentioned that the greens are looking better than some other courses in the area.

Chairman then moved to the Southpark report at 6:46 p.m.

Rod Vulgamore stated that some of the neighboring houses were having issues and complaints with park patrons walking in the park. He wanted to make the board aware of these complaints as the park patrons were doing nothing wrong and the neighbor complains about these things quite often. He also mentioned this particular house is the one who lost their fence in a previous storm that they have yet to repair. The fence does belong to the neighbor and not the park and if they would repair it, this could possibly solve his issues he has with people walking at the park.

Chairman then moved to the L.M. Lockhart Report at 6:50 p.m.

Daniel Landry said there is no report from L.M. Lockhart. Superintendent Gary Templeton then mentioned about a few upcoming dates that were unavailable that the L.M. Lockhart committee had requested. 1/27/2024 is not available due to PARDS youth Basketball games. 2/24/2024 is not available due to a large rental of the facility.

Chairman then moved on to the Chairman's report at 6:52 p.m.

Julie Dyason-Norris mentioned again about her idea and reasoning for wanting to move the board meetings up 30 minutes. She then moved to discuss that it is time to reappoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the board. After a brief discussion, Karen Anderson nominated Julie Dyason-Norris for Chairman of the board. She cited Julie's love and dedication for the park and years of knowledge and leadership and the driving force behind the board. Jay Mallet then seconded the nomination.

A vote for the chairman was passed with no public comment.

Vote passed- Julie Dyason-Norris No vote, Roni Juneau Yes, Karen Anderson Yes, Ray Riley Absent, Sharon Elliot Yes, Jeffrey Wale Absent, Jay Mallett Yes. Nays- None

Vote to approve Julie Dyason-Norris as board Chairman passed.

Chairman then moved to appoint Vice Chairman. Karen Anderson Nominated Sharon Elliot for Vice Chairman of the board Seconded by Roni Juneau

A vote for the chairman was passed with no public comment.

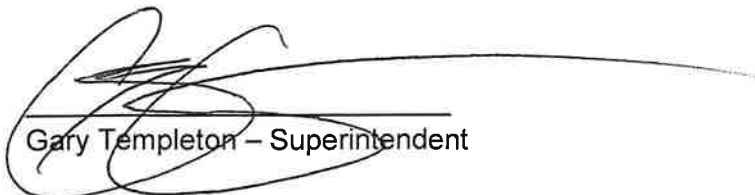
Vote passed- Julie Dyason-Norris Yes, Roni Juneau Yes, Karen Anderson Yes, Ray Riley Absent, Sharon Elliot Yes, Jeffrey Wale Absent, Jay Mallett Yes. Nays- None

Vote to approve Sharon Elliot as board Vice Chairman passed.

Chairman then discussed that the various board committees would need to be nominated and voted on at a later date.

Chairman moved to a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m with no public comment. Motion to adjourn by Sharon Elliot, Seconded by Jay Mallet. Motion passed- Julie Dyason-Norris Yes, Roni Juneau Yes, Karen Anderson Yes, Ray Riley Absent, Sharon Elliot Yes, Jeffrey Wale Absent, Jay Mallett Yes. Nays- None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



Gary Templeton – Superintendent

Next meeting will be held at 5:30PM on Monday, February 19 2024