

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 5:30 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, R.Riley, Jr., Roni Juneau, J.Mallett, K.Anderson, B.Pitre Absent-none

Management Employees of the District

Public-none

L.M. Lockhart Advisory Committee-Daniel Landry, Melvin Jackson

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

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

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 2- 19-24 meeting as mailed with several corrections noted with no public comment by R.Junea seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau, J.Mallett, K.Anderson, B.Pitre Nays-none Absent-none

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

Motion to approve the financial report for February, 2024, with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, J.Mallett, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau, K.Anderson, B.Pitre Nays-none Absent-none

Superintendent stated that the low quote on refurbishing the concrete at South Park was \$17,000 from Cajun Courts and he hopes work will begin soon if approved.

Motion to award low quote from Cajun Courts at \$17,000 for the old basketball court refurbishment project for Pickle Ball court facilities at South Park with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by R.Riley, Jr Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, J.Mallett, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau, K.Anderson, B.Pitre Nays-none Absent-none

Superintendent noted that the financial audit will begin in early April.

He gave an update on work completed at AquaPards and that the appearance is enhanced. There are some small items that remain on the project.

He covered issues with the wear and tear on the lazy river and splash pad surfaces. His intention is to address for the next season.

He summarized a conversation with Jim Ryan on the potential re-fi process and that in later March the Louisiana Bond Commission may approve to begin the process.

He covered the maintenance and landscaping actions taken by the crew and that field maintenance will be the new focus this spring.

He noted that an event (Cajun Country Jam) is planned at North Park for three days around Memorial Day.

Director, John Arbor, reported that spring soccer begins this weekend with 800+ registered.

He is finalizing the registration for baseball-softball season and numbers are slightly down versus 2023. Board commented on other competing recreation leagues, etc.

He noted that the season begins in early April and finishes around 5-31-24.

He announced that final arrangements may be completed in days in order to announce officially that the District will be affiliated with Little League Baseball which opens opportunities for future increased participants.

Board discussed the positive brand name of Little League.

Director noted that summer camp has filled as of 3-8-24 which was the opening day.

Superintendent praised the efforts of John Baio on various program communciations.

Ray Riley, Jr. asked if the State would allow an increase children numbers for child care at other locations. It was stated that no new additional information has been received from the State, but due to the fact that any space used is required to be enclosed for privacy standards, then this makes our current open areas non-compliant for expanding or adding daycare services at other locations within the District. Board made various comments.

Chairman shared her philosophy on future votes from the public in areas outside the District and the research need on how to add selected sections into our boundary.

Courtney Stevens reported on AquaPards activity, noting that the re-coating process begins this week. She noted factors on the Lazy River renovation for future needs and that she is preparing for the summer season. She noted that she will begin the process of hiring lifeguards soon. She discussed the swim class schedule timing and the challenge of using the space available. She noted that the indoor party rentals are very active thus far with many bookings to date.

Paige Frederick stated that a new fitness machine was in place for members. She reported that Pickle Ball had around 60 people attending the Friday event. She noted that the Friday Free program was a success and that it will be held on the first Friday each month through August.

Stephanie Morris reported on the three golf cart leasing contract quotes received. She recommended to enter into contract with Courtesy Golf Cars, LLC as per the pricing on lease quote 20011649 terms (Yamaha fleet units) as the lowest quote.

She stated that the next glow ball tournament scheduled had full registration.

She reported that an early scramble event is scheduled for 3-20-24.

She also noted that a kids' event (Youth Golf Camp) will be held in July of 2024 which will be a 2 day event.

She recapped the projected maintenance activity on the full course.

She also noted that The Pines will celebrate a 5 year anniversary soon and thanked the leadership for making this venue possible.

Karen Anderson proposed research for a future youth Pards golf team.

Motion to award the golf cart leasing contract to Courtesy Golf Cars LLC at the lowest quote with terms on contract quote 20011649 on a year to year basis with Yamaha units effective 3-11-24 with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, J.Mallett, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau, K.Anderson, B.Pitre Nays-none Absent-none

Rod Vulgamore gave a South Park update noting that action has begun on the walking trail path. He noted that assistance from Gravity Drainage 1 and Parish DPW was given. He will be waiting for better weather in order to proceed. He also advised to leave the path a grass path surface.

Daniel Landry of the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee presented the proposed official listing of 7 committee members for 2024 for board consideration.

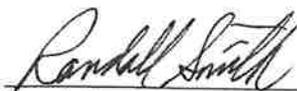
Motion to approve the appointment of the seven committee recommendations as presented for th L M Lockhart Advisory Committee to serve effective 3-11-24 with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, J.Mallett, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau, K.Anderson, B.Pitre Nays-none Absent-none

Superintendent noted that the L M Lockhart gym roof repairs has been completed.

Charman stated that the Juban North road project from the State Legislature has been re-allocated once again for funding.

Under board comments, Blaine Pitre requested to receive a copy of the detail of each person renting facilities at North Park and that this information be provided to board members routinely. Chairman recommended for Mr.Pitre to communicate with staff for this requested information. Rental software was also discussed by board members.

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



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Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

**Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 8, 2024**