

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 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, Maria Riley and Ray Riley. Also attending were 17 citizens that are members of the Fitness and Aquatic Program.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 4-10-23 meeting as mailed with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, S.Elliott, K.Anderson. Nays-none Absent-none Not voting-Jeffrey Wale, Ray Riley Jr., Jay Mallett

Jeffrey Wale, Ray Riley Jr. and Jay Mallett arrived at the meeting.

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

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

Superintendent reported that the small project items are being wrapped up with a few additional projects to be planned for later in the year.
He noted that the financial audit has been completed with a report pending.
He stated that the park is ready for a large production concert late in May at North Park.
He summarized the work performed at L M Lockhart Park recently and noted that an evaluation on the windows has been performed in order to follow an action repair plan.
He reported that sports programs have begun and that the Water Park opens this weekend.
He reported on the need to re-surface the pool deck (approximately \$110,000) and stated that the plan is to begin in January 2024.
Superintendent introduced John Bao as the new Assistant Program Director.

Director, John Arbor reported that the baseball/softball is now two weeks into play and that adult soccer begins on May 16, 2023.
He covered aspects of new programs that will be planned for.

Courtney Stevens reported on the opening of the Water Park for this season and that swim team meetings are to be held this week (planning action steps).
She stated that parties at the pavilion are booked two weeks out so far this season.

Paige Frederick reported that various Fitness programs are going well with new classes and new instructors.

Under public input, Billie Wilson addressed the board and presented a complaint listing relating to maintenance items at the pool. She noted that the major item of concern has been the cold water this winter as well as cleanliness around and in the pool. She requested action on behalf of the members to correct these items at the pool and locker room/fitness center. Chairman responded by thanking the citizens for their attendance and voice on the issues presented. She pledged that the staff would evaluate and address the group's concerns presented. Courtney Stevens stated that she would gladly be available to any of the group to hear concerns expressed anytime.

Stephanie Morris reported on The Pines monthly activities, noting that heavier public participation was being realized. She stated that the 8th green will re-open soon and that glow ball scrambles have been a success so far this season.

Rod Vulgamore stated that his staff has been working on tree removal and that various T-ball team practices are being held at South Park.

L M Lockhart Advisory Committee member, Daniel Landry noted corrections to the distributed May 1, 2023, L M Lockhart Advisory Committee meeting.

Maria Riley presented Camp Empowerment 2023 Program update. She stated that insurance will be paid for this week. She noted that older age group attendees will use the gym during Camp Empowerment sessions. Superintendent noted that planned maintenance will work around the sessions.

The Program Committee report was presented by Jon Arbor. He summarized discussion on registration fees for in and out of district participants and the need to increase. A proposal was provided whereby current \$65 per child would go to \$75 for in District and \$95 increase to \$115 for out of district players. Sports team registration was recommended to go from \$450 to \$550 per team beginning with the fall season (August forward). Board discussion was made on the pricing details.

Motion to adopt the Youth Sports price increase as proposed by the Program Committee beginning with the fall soccer season forward with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by R.Harris Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, J.Mallett, S.Elliott, K.Anderson, J.Wale, R.Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-none

Board further discussed the adult sports fees along with new sports (kickball, etc.).

Motion to adopt the Adult Sports price increase as proposed by the Program Committee at \$550 per team with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by R.Riley Jr. Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, J.Mallett, S.Elliott, K.Anderson, J.Wale, R.Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-none

Jon Arbor reported on the Pards Soccer Club price change with 3 options for consideration.

Board discussed all options and Chairman commented that a fee correction due to growth would bring this sport into conformity as approved for the other sports programs
Assistant Program Director John Bao made various historical comments and provided pricing data concerning many of the surrounding programs like the Pards Soccer Club.

Motion to approve Option 1 as presented by the Program Committee relating to fees for the Pards Soccer Club with no public comment by R.Harris seconded by K.Anderson
Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, J.Mallett, S.Elliott, K.Anderson, J.Wale, R.Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-none

Superintendent, Director, and Assistant Program Director discussed financing options for parents on the collection of fees by the District and outlined specific procedures with a financing fee. The process was explained noting that oversight would be by Park management and a third party. Board made full discussion and discussed the use of a third party collector.

Motion to approve Payment Plan feature for the collection of fees from Pards Soccer Club participants including a \$50 administrative payment plan fee option as presented by the Staff with no public comment by J.Wale seconded by R.Harris
Vote passed Yeas-J.Dyason-Norris, R.Harris, J.Mallett, S.Elliott, K.Anderson, J.Wale, R.Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-none

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 K.Anderson seconded by J.Mallett
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, June 12, 2023