

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 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 Vice Chairman, Sharon Elliott, noting that any public may comment on any agenda item or resolution during discussion period for same.

Present- S.Elliott, R.Riley, Jr., K.Anderson, B.Pitre

Absent-J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, R.Juneau

Management Employees of the District

Public-Representatives of the Livingston Parish Sewer District (Chad Pope, Dara Lambert Engineer, Donald Dupre Engineer)

L.M. Lockhart Advisory Committee-Daniel Landry, Rachel Aikens

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

Under public comments, so Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 3-11-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by R.Riley Jr. seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, B.Pitre Nays-none Absent- J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, R.Juneau

Engineers of the Livingston Parish Sewer District addressed the board. They presented a proposal requesting a servitude along the northern boundary of Northpark. They explained the DOTD roundabout plans along Eden Church Road and Lockhart Road. It was noted that a sewer service main line is located under the road and will be required to be re-located. They requested a servitude to perform a road bore under a corner section of the park grounds (northwestern corner) and noted that the main is all subsurface. Board discussed the underground construction and noted that no work will involve above ground or surface disturbance. Engineer explained the process of construction. Board noted that a wording change be removed from the agreement which states "that no trees, shrubs, plants, fencing, building, structure or other improvements shall be constructed or installed in the servitude ..."

Motion to grant servitude to the Livingston Parish Sewer District as per the DOTD roundabout project on Lockhart Road and Eden Church Road to bore under the corner section of District grounds as per presented contingent upon wording changes detailed by the board to remove one clause with no public comment by R.Riley Jr. seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, B.Pitre Nays-none Absent- J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, R.Juneau

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

Superintendent provided the 2023 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for adoption for the financial audit.

Motion to approve the 2023 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the financial audit as presented with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by B.Pitre Vote passed Yeas- S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, B.Pitre Nays-none Absent-J.Dyason-Norris, J.Mallett, R.Juneau

Superintendent reported on the robot field painting equipment purchased which is proving to save time and material expenses. He covered the operation functions of the unit.

\*He gave a maintenance update on work underway throughout the park and noted that the slide improvement phase will begin soon at AquaPards.

\*He noted that the Pickle Ball project is delayed due to weather at Southpark. Vice Chairman noted information on the Pickle Ball project and plans should be available to public soon.

\*He reported on a request from an individual to hold a community garage sale at L M Lockhart Park with waiver of rental fee. He explained the current rental policy and the board consensus agreed with the Superintendent's stance.

\*He explained the issues regarding an individual's request for showing free movies on the grounds and his concern for the copyright compliance liability.

\*He reported that several trees are dying due to this past summer weather which will be replaced in the future.

Blaine Pitre commented that the bathroom out of order session was due to the sewer lift station motor failure by the Sewer District and was placed back in order quickly.

Director, John Arbor, reported that general registration numbers were slightly down compared to last year, and explained effects from other districts' policies allowing increased play from individual travel teams. He noted that games begin on 4-27-24.

\*He stated that he is waiting on boundary map finalization from Ascension Little League before the affiliation is approved (which may be days away). He will then make an official announcement of the District's affiliation with Little League Baseball when the boundary issue is finalized.

\*He reported that reservations for parties at the Waterpark have been going well and the renovations thus far look great (painting, lazy river, and accessory improvements). The Waterpark will be ready for opening in May.

Paige Frederick reported on social media efforts regarding fitness promotions. She stated that Pickle Ball Friday in April had 25 participants for free play. She is looking into more efficient registration methods during these type events each month. Board discussed various ideas on securing new membership from the public.

Superintendent presented The Pines report, noting a tournament is being played this evening. He noted that some trees were removed along the course.

Wording changes before final execution of the golf cart contract as previously approved are being made and green irrigation work is being performed.

Rod Vulgamore gave a South Park update noting work progress on the walking trail project. He noted that assistance from Gravity Drainage 1 and Parish DPW is continually being given. He stated that some public have been walking the path already.

Daniel Landry of the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee presented the April 1 agenda that was used. Rachel Aikens assisted with an explanation and noted that the committee minutes will be forthcoming soon. In the future, minutes will be sent to the Superintendent for distribution to the Board. It was stated that a flyer regarding Camp Empowerment for 2024 was compiled for use.

Under board comments, Ray Riley Jr., asked for information about child insurance vendors on behalf of Camp Empowerment's for obtaining insurance coverage. Director, Jon Arbor, presented the insurance vendor name to Mr. Riley.

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



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Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

**Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 13, 2024**