

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 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, R.Riley Jr., J. Mallett, R.Juneau, B.Pitre

Absent-Karen Anderson, Sharon Elliott

Management Employees of the District

Public- Gerald Burns, Livingston Parish Planning Zoning

L.M. Lockhart Advisory Committee-Daniel Landry, Maria Riley

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

There were no public comments,

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 4-8-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by R.Riley Jr. Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr., J.Mallett, B.Pitre, R.Juneau Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson, Sharon Elliott

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 as presented with no public comment by R. Riley Jr. seconded by J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr. J.Mallett, B.Pitre, R.Juneau Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson, Sharon Elliott

Superintendent stated that Jim Ryan continues to work on a re-fi proposal on the debt instrument on our last expansion, but he noted that rates are a little soft at the current time.

Superintendent introduced Mr. Burns for comments to the board.

Mr. Gerald Burns addressed the board regarding the Livingston Parish Master Plan regarding the 18 year project of Juban Road extension. He explained the history of the project and funding challenges. He explained the planning map and recommended for District 3 to become involved in the participation of planning with DOTD engineering representatives. Chairman explained the importance of having a new major entry to the North Park. Mr. Burns requested support from the board on the new proposed state legislation HR 2. Board commented on the need to interact with engineers planning the route. Board consensus agreed to authorize Superintendent to meet with representatives and voice the District's support of the Juban Road extension project.

Superintendent reported that baseball field conditioning is coming along well and he noted other maintenance projects being performed.

*He stated that AquaPards opened this past weekend, but that one major pump is being repaired with parts on order for the main slide. Contractor is working with priority.

*He reminded board of scheduled Concert to be held at end of May.

*He commented that the financial audit is being finished this week.

*He stated that he is working on a 5 year plan for July presentation to the Livingston Parish Council and presented a rough draft copy. Board discussed the draft.

*Superintendent noted that the pickle ball rehab project will begin at the end of May.
*He also reported that an information table will be set up for the public who attend the Country Concert at the end of May (large crowds expected).

Director, John Arbor, reported that the baseball and softball season will end in early June.

*He noted that fall soccer planning has been successful in securing 35 coaches in an attempt to limit rosters to combat too many participants being on each team.

He covered procedure changes to communicate with all coaches about rosters.

*He stated that the Pards Soccer Club tryouts are upcoming and that 340 participants have registered so far (increase in many younger age groups). Board discussed the increases in the soccer program both PSC and regular season participants.

Courtney Stevens reported on the water slide pump repairs underway.

She noted that Pards swim team practice begins with 74 of the 80 spots committed.

It was also noted that two meets are planned in June. She stated that birthday party spots are fully booked. She stated that a second life guard training class is planned.

Paige Frederick reported on social media emphasis relating to Fitness membership.

She noted a giveaway promotion that went well and that pickle ball Friday was attended by 50 individuals. Board made comments on potential promotion/marketing for the Fitness program.

Stéphanie Morris presented The Pines report, noting maintenance items being performed.

She stated that a green refurbishment project has begun. She stated that various trees were removed around the clubhouse. The overall play is up by 1200 rounds over last year's statistics. She stated that the golf cart lease is awaiting final Yamaha approval, but should be received soon.

Rod Vulgamore gave a South Park work update noting that the walking trail project is progressing (24 yards of dirt has been added to the trail so far). He noted that signage will be installed soon and noted that a tree had to be removed at L M Lockhart park.

Daniel Landry of the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee reported on the Camp Empowerment planning to be held in June of 2024. Maria Riley gave facts on the Camp Empowerment for the board. Superintendent noted that various requests are received from individuals to hold events like garage sales, etc. free of charge. He stated that the rental policies are explained on each case. Daniel Landry stated that he will communicate to others in the community the new roster of Advisory Committee members for questions at the L M Lockhart Park.

There were no further reports.

Under board comments, Blaine Pitre commented on his concern for park traffic and commented on the potential of staggering times of play for the programs. Director explained the history of all programs timing which has historically had traffic jams. He did state that he will look at signage for using the different entrances for the public.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, June 10, 2024