

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 10, 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, S.Elliott

Absent-Karen Anderson

Management Employees of the District

Public- Trey Sanders, Hannis T.Bourgeois CPA's, Jennifer Etheridge citizen

L.M. Lockhart Advisory Committee-Daniel Landry

Prayer was led by Daniel Landry and the pledge was given.

There were no public comments,

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 5-13-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by J.Mallett seconded by B.Pitre Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr., J.Mallett, B.Pitre, S.Elliott, R.Juneau Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson

A Notice of Consideration of Action Regarding Ad Valorem Tax was read regarding the July 16, 2024 meeting where consideration of action calling an election for the renewal of the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax for the District.

Chairman set the July, 2024 meeting for Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

A financial report was provided for the May period of operations and budget line item comparisons for the year were noted by the Administrative Treasurer. He also gave a report on the history and future of the ad valorem tax for the District noting the new 2024 reassessment balances for the District.

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

Trey Sanders presented the 2023 Financial Audit Report and 2023 AUP Audit to the board. He summarized the audit findings which noted that the audit revealed a clean unmodified opinion for 2023 as well as a few exceptions noted on agreed upon procedures for 2023. He stated that no instances of non-compliance were found and no deficiencies regarding internal controls were identified. He thanked the management of the District and the Administrative Treasurer for the support during the audit.

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

Superintendent reported that Omega Services (contractor for Lockhart Road Roundabout project) has requested to store movable equipment on the triangle area of the Parks' grounds. Chairman gave a recommendation and the board discussed this request. Various elements on using this public space (end date limit of 4 months and fencing issue) were discussed. Board consensus recommended for Superintendent to assemble a hold harmless agreement for the contractor inclusive of a fence construction clause, \$2500 per month fee with limit of 4 month time frame, proof of insurance, grass replacement requirement and a Legal Counsel review before final agreement is approved for Omega Services.

*Superintendent stated that grass cutting process is underway along with various tree clean up from fallen limbs, etc.

*He reported that the Memorial Day event went very well (produced rental income of \$6200). He complimented the staff on supporting the event. He noted that an educational booth was set up on behalf of the District at the event for the public's exposure. It was estimated that 15,000 people attended. Blaine Pitre noted some tripping issues resulted from attendees due to darkness in spots on the track surface. Board discussed lighting.

*He stated that the pickle ball court rehab project remains to be addressed by contractor due to rain delays. The Northpark rehab for pickle ball court plans are being made.

Director, John Arbor, reported that the 2024 baseball and softball season will end after 12 make up days in June.

*He noted that adult soccer had 13 teams with weather delays also.

*He noted that the older girls' competitive soccer team participated in state soccer championship and regional play in Dallas, Texas.

*He stated that the Pards Soccer Club tryouts has produced 153 applications for tryouts with a projected revenue of \$120,000 with the potential up to \$170,000.

*He noted that recreation soccer registration began on 6-10-24 and covered progress with coach supply and modified procedures.

*He reported that Little League will give affiliation to the District beginning in 2025.

*He stated that an affiliation with the NFL for fall flag football league with NFL guidelines will be a positive item.

Superintendent reported on FAQ membership and noted that participation data for this year stated that 400 made entrance to the building this year as compared to last year's 250 number in May.

Courtney Stevens reported that swim lessons have begun and that there were 250 people at the swim meet. It was stated that waterpark numbers are increasing and all areas are open. She noted that future maintenance will begin after the summer season.

Superintendent noted that Stephanie Morris is running a tournament tonight at THE Pines. He stated that the Yamaha lease finalization is ongoing. Board discussed the potential contract and the Superintendent will address waiver on the lease with the State Bond Commission regarding term issues.

Rod Vulgamore gave a South Park work update noting continued tree issues and that a burning will be performed soon.

Daniel Landry of the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee presented the June Committee minutes and noted that Camp Empowerment has full registration at the moment with operations going very well.

He noted some maintenance items with kitchen equipment and bathroom needs. Sharon Elliott shared that the food preparation by Camp Empowerment staff was being accomplished with many volunteers.

Mr. Landry summarized the plans for Juneteenth celebration 6-19-24 through 6-23-24 at the LM Lockhart site. Camp Empowerment will present a program to the public on Wednesday and on Saturday a parade will be held in Denham Springs. He stated that the Ministerial Alliance will hold a service on Sunday which is endorsed by the LMLHAC. Board and Superintendent discussed the Saturday and Sunday events by the Ministerial Alliance which is actually a rental of the site and needs insurance as a non profit per our policy. Chairman recommended that Daniel Landry secure a signed rental agreement for the Saturday and Sunday event since it is different than the Camp Empowerment event. Mr. Landry will follow up.

Under the Chairman report, she commented on the work needed on the 5 year plan to present to the Livingston Parish Council.

There were no further reports.

Under board comments, Blaine Pitre recommended that the Omega Services agreement include a clause regarding a rock bed on top of the grass area.

Jennifer Etheridge, public citizen, addressed the board requesting (A) policy consideration to allow a grandchild to be included on a family membership with an extra fee of \$13 per child per month versus the visitor rates per visit; (B) the need for a water fountain at the Water Park; (C) approval to enter the fitness area for bathroom use while at the Water Park from the closed rear entrance versus walking around to the front since she has a fitness membership.

Superintendent explained that if grandchildren are a part of the family home of the grandparents currently in the same residence they are allowed on family membership. He also stated that a water fountain is needed at the Water Park and it will be addressed. He stated that the current system now supports a separate building concept of bathroom use whereby water park attendees use the water park bathroom facilities and fitness attendees use the fitness bathroom facilities. He noted that it is a security problem for the staff to attempt to control people flowing into the fitness building from water park entrance since most have only paid for the water park and do not have fitness membership.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, July 16, 2024