

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the North Park Multipurpose Recreation Facility located at 30372 Eden Church Road in Denham Springs, La.

The regular 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., K.Anderson, B. Pitre, A.Bell

Absent-Sharon Elliott, Roni Juneau

Management Employees of the District

Public- Mary Ballard, Guests: L M Lockhart Advisory Committee-Daniel Landry, Drexell Robinson.

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

Chairman welcomed Andrea Bell to the board as per her recent appointment by the Parish Council.

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 8-12-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by K. Anderson seconded by R.Riley Jr. Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, B.Pitre, A.Bell Nays-none Absent-Sharon Elliott, Roni Juneau

A financial report was presented for the August 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 K.Anderson seconded by B.Pitre Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr. K.Anderson, B.Pitre, A, Bell Nays-none Absent-Sharon Elliott, Roni Juneau

Superintendent read a request from Mary Ballard regarding attention to the air conditioning at the Fitness area she uses for classes. Mrs. Ballard addressed the board noting that the air conditioning is failing to cool the area properly for her class. She hopes for a priority attention for improvement in cooling. She also presented 23 signatures on the request.

Superintendent replied on the original design for this area and noted that a repair specialist has given an analysis. He stated that an upgrade of the major unit was planned for but that actually two units are needed per the specialists' recommendation. It appears that the current two working major units need replacing. Board discussed the issue and air unit sizes. Superintendent noted that a compressor is ordered for placement into the spare unit and other options for the units. Ray Riley Jr., made comments on options. Superintendent recommended to follow the A/C unit specialist recommendation. Board thanked Mrs. Ballard for her comments.

\*Superintendent noted that the pickleball court re-hab is complete at South Park.

\*He noted that hurricane preparation is underway at all District facilities. He stated that the maintenance staff have met with other entities and planned actions to be performed.

\*He reported that renewal election signage is being assembled (gave an example). Board gave comments on sign design and agreed on the Superintendent's recommendation for this signage as well as using emails or social media venues.

\*He noted that Chick-Fil-A has shown their willingness for administering a support program for the District.

\*He presented the board with rental rates and rules for the 2025 year for future board consideration.

\*He presented quotes for golf cart lease agreements noting a low quote from Courtesy Golf Carts for a desired Yamaha model.

Motion to accept the low quote from Courtesy Golf Carts for \$2252.65 per month for 30 carts (75.09 per cart) with an option to opt out annually with no public comment by B.Pitre seconded by A.Bell Vote passed Yeas - J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr. K.Anderson, B.Pitre, A. Bell Nays-none Absent-Sharon Elliott, Roni Juneau

Superintendent presented a capital outlay plan for the grant funds to be received from Representative Wilder and Senator Hodges offices.

Board discussed the plan details and gave various comments.

L M Lockhart members stressed the need for a/c replacement as a priority over the playground equipment purchase allocation.

Motion to accept the capital outlay spending plan as presented regarding state grant fund allocation with a modification of inserting 4 a/c units replacing playground equipment allotment at L M Lockhart park contingent upon receipt of funds with no public comment by A.Bell seconded by R.Riley Jr. Vote passed Yeas-- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr. K.Anderson, B.Pitre, A. Bell Nays-none Absent-Sharon Elliott, Roni Juneau

Blaine Pitre requested that the track overlay be a priority and the Superintendent noted that it is a priority in the 2025 capital outlay project budget line.

Director, John Arbor, reported that NFL flag football league will have 324 participants and that the Soccer league will be completed on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

He noted that basketball begins soon.

He stated that signage for Park Rules are ready for installation at all parks.

Courtney Stevens, Aquatics Director, noted that the water park will close after Labor Day. She noted that high school swim is going well and that the District will host a Parish Swim meet.

Paige Frederick, Fitness Director, informed the board of an upcoming pickle ball tournament on November 2-3, 2024 and that the South Park Pickle Ball court opening event will be on Sunday 10-27-24.

Superintendent reported for Stephanie Morris, who is administering the last scramble event tonight. Thirty trees have been identified for removal around the course in the near future.

Daniel Landry of the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee, reported that there was no meeting this month. Superintendent noted that all dates submitted for use at L M Lockhart Park are available on the schedule for 2025.

Rod Vulgamore gave a South Park report stating that the new walking trail has limited use due to standing water at present and that much excitement over the new Pickle Ball court has been the feedback from the public.

There were no further board comments, but the Superintendent discussed the option of blocking the existing narrow road section in the rear of South Park for addition to the new walking track. Board agreed on this option.

Under committee reports, it was noted that a budget committee will be set very soon.

There was no Chairman report.

There was no old business to report.

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



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Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

**Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, October 14, 2024**