

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the North Park Multipurpose Recreation Facility located at 30372 Eden Church Road in Denham Springs, La.

A public hearing was called to order by the Chairman for the discussion of the action of adopting 2024 millage rate regarding the ad-valorem property tax for the District. Administrative Treasurer provided a history of the District's ad valorem adjusted millage and other taxing authority plans for 2024. He also reported that the District is not considering the rolling forward of millage for 2024 to the maximum amount of 15 mills, but rather will be considering only the adjusted rate of 10.72 mills. In further public discussion, Jim Ryan reported that millages cannot be legally lowered below what the required revenue stream that is linked to bond funding. Mr. Logan Vecellio thanked the board from the public view of not raising the millage to the maximum. There were no further public comments, so Chairman closed the public hearing at 5:45 pm.

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., J. Mallett, K.Anderson, R.Juneau, S.Elliott

Absent-Blaine Pitre

Management Employees of the District

Public- Jim Ryan, Parish Financial Consultant, Citizens- Logan Vecellio, Deborah Robinson- West Livingston Kiwanis Club, L M Lockhart Advisory Committee-Daniel Landry, Ray Riley Sr., Maria Riley and others. Livingston Parish Sheriff Officer, Chuck McDonald.

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

Under Public comment, Jim Ryan, Parish Financial consultant, reported on his continuing research on re-financing past bonds (estimated \$3.5 million outstanding). He summarized that at this moment the savings are minimal, but that he will continue to price and research when the best rates will be available (looking for Fed to drop rate a minimum of .25 basis points).

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 7-16-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by R.Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr., R.Juneau, S.Elliott, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Blaine Pitre Not voting-Jay Mallett

Motion to adopt to levy on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject by the Livingston Parish Recreation District 3 for Maintenance purposes the rate of 10.72 mills for 2024 and further resolved that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of the said Parish for the year 2024, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law, resolution made with no public comment by Sharon Elliott seconded by R.Riley, Jr. Vote passed Yeas- Karen Anderson, Sharon Elliott, Roni Juneau, Julie Dyason-Norris, Ray Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Blaine Pitre, Not voting-Jay Mallett

A financial report was presented for the July 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.

Motion to approve the financial report as presented with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by R. Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr. K.Anderson, S.Elliott, R.Juneau Nays-none Absent-Blaine Pitre Not voting-Jay Mallett

Jay Mallett arrived at the meeting.

Superintendent noted that the rehab construction project for the pickle ball court at South Park should begin mid August and that foundation issues are being further researched for the rehab of tennis courts to pickle ball play at North Park (pricing to follow).

*He reported the details of the recent vandalism of rutting and damage to soccer fields by with a vehicle. He explained the repairs to be performed and that soccer play will continue even with field patched conditions. He noted that public support has been very positive over this vandalism realized.

*He presented options on increasing security on the grounds. He recommended to purchase various security cameras and that IT support would install the proposed 32 cameras at various District locations. It is estimated that the camera equipment would cost around \$19,450 without installation. Final pricing will be secured for future board consideration.

*He noted that Sheriff Officer pricing is \$40 per hour with a 4 hour minimum per day. He is researching for a future proposal. Board discussed security options.

*A noise issue was investigated at the Tony Dugas Center by officer Chuck McDonald and he reported on the details he observed and recommended no action on the events regarding bands, etc. Superintendent noted that the rental contracts have a noise clause on them for reasonably attempting to have noise restricted on rental events.

*He reported that a review of the 4 A/C units at L.M.Lockhart park will need full replacement (pricing reveals \$24,000 per unit) and he is looking at other options. This will be placed in the 2025 budget.

*He reported on research for an electrical upgrade at South Park which is estimated at \$5,486.50 which provides a panel upgrade and outlets with 30 amp service. Board made comments on the work. Sharon Elliott is working with Parish representatives on the Trunk or Treat project at South Park this fall before the election

Superintendent discussed the potential of a disc golf course at South Park. Current equipment needed is estimated at around \$9,570 for installation of an 18 hole disc course. He will be presenting a formal proposal soon. Board discussed the concept. Board also discussed the unauthorized entry into South Park through fencing and gates. Chairman requested for signage on trespassing to be posted. Superintendent discussed plans for the Park Rule signage (Director is working on this currently).
*Superintendent noted that he will be absent from park from 8-18-24 through 8-25-24 on vacation.

Superintendent reported on behalf of Director, John Arbor, that the fall Recreational soccer has begun and he covered the NFL program benefits regarding the flag football season.

Courtney Stevens, Aquatics Director, noted that three more weekends remain for the water park to be open. She stated that this week High School swim teams begin. She also noted that inhouse rentals (parties) are booked for next 2 months. She explained the pool chemical system/ testing

Paige Frederick, Fitness Director, informed the board of an upcoming pickle ball tournament on November 2-3, 2024. She noted that research on sponsorship is being made on the fitness programs.

Superintendent reported for Stephanie Morris, who is administering a scramble event. He noted that the irrigation system will be completed in a few weeks and that the golf cart contract continues to be processed by Yamaha. It was stated that a few trees were downed around the course for safety (as well as L.M.Lockhart park).

Daniel Landry, L M Lockhart Advisory Committee, presented the minutes from 8-5-24 and noted that a request was made to host a back to school event on 9-8-24 from 3 pm to 6pm at the center by the Pastor's Alliance organization. Board discussed and recommended for this request to go through the rental for non-profit process.

Maria Riley submitted a conclusion report for Camp Empowerment noting that a 112 participants were benefited this summer at L M Lockhart park. She commented that better organization was realized over the previous year and she thanked the board for their support and the water passes provided from Aquatics. She presented the 2025 dates for Camp Empowerment use for consideration.

Daniel Landry requested information on the procedural issues of booking events at L M Lockhart Park and if the first right of refusal by the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee is in place. Superintendent explained the full booking procedures on all District properties which includes L M Lockhart Park.

Rod Vulgamore gave a South Park report stating that the new walking trail is complete and that his staff is heavily involved in maintenance activity.

There were no further board comments.

Under committee reports, Sharon Elliott explained the ongoing work in coordinating the Trunk or Treat project in October.

There was no Chairman report.

There was no old business to report.

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



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 9, 2024