

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 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 consideration of calling for a special election on 12-7-24 for the purpose of renewing a 15 mill ad valorem property tax. There were no public comments, so Chairman closed the public hearing at 5:33 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, B.Pitre, S.Elliott

Absent-Roni Juneau

Management Employees of the District

Public- State Representative Roger Wilder, Tory Hymel, assistant to State Senator Valerie Hodges,

Prayer was led by Roger Wilder and the pledge was given.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 6-10-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by R.Riley, Jr Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr., B.Pitre, S.Elliott, Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau Not voting-Karen Anderson, Jay Mallett

A financial report was presented for the June 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 S.Elliott seconded by R. Riley, Jr. Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr. B.Pitre, S.Elliott, Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau Not voting-Karen Anderson, Jay Mallett

Karen Anderson and Jay Mallett arrived at the meeting.

Administrative Treasurer explained the resolution on action regarding calling of a special election for the Ad Valorem Tax renewal.

Motion to approve the ordering and calling of a special election to be held in Recreation District No.3 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of a fifteen (15) mill tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of operating and maintaining the District; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr. J.Mallett, B.Pitre, S.Elliott, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau

Under public comments, State Representative Roger Wilder commented on the positive results provided by the Recreation District 3 and how he supported this renewal effort. Board members discussed aspects of the renewal and the importance to maintaining the District. Mr. Wilder commented on his history with Pards and announced that through his office and State funding, he is able to provide a grant of \$250,000 in the coming days for the soccer complex lighting needs and other capital needs. Tory Hymel stated that State Senator Valerie Hodges has also secured \$210,000 for the District's capital outlay needs. Board thanked the two elected officials for this generous support in improving the park facilities at this time. Superintendent explained that these efforts were so appreciated and that priority items would be addressed with these funds.

Chairman recommended for the Planning Committee to assemble, along with the Superintendent, a priority listing for future board consideration.

Superintendent also informed the board of discussion topics at a recent meeting involving the Juban Road north extension project and how the current location plans will border the park property near the soccer improvement areas. Various board members commented on ideas for some projects (lighting placement, path around soccer area potential, etc.).

Blaine Pitre requested if the master plan be addressed before lighting placement is decided upon. Sharon Elliott discussed an idea of hosting social events at South Park for the public before the election with music, etc. Board discussed this idea and the potential to coordinate in conjunction with the Trunk or Treat event at South Park. Consensus of the board agreed to pursue and Chairman recommended for the Planning Committee (Sharon Elliott, Jay Mallett, and Julie Dyason-Norris) to also address this potential and then report back to the full board for consideration.

Superintendent presented the park rules document to the board for discussion and approval. Chairman noted that the Parish Council has created an ordinance 24-18, but are requiring the park to present to them, the approved rules. Superintendent explained the rules and the need for posting them throughout all park locations as well as on the website. Board discussed the posting of signage at each location and recommended a QR code also be placed on each sign for a full listing of park rules.

Motion to accept the rules presented by Superintendent as the official District park rules and to present the rule listing to the Parish Council for approval with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by R.Riley, Jr, Vote passed Yeas-- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr. J.Mallett, B.Pitre, S.Elliott, K.Anderson Nays-none Absent-Roni Juneau

Director, John Arbor, reported that the fall Recreational soccer registration is completed. Participants total 580 as compared to last year's 620. Soccer games will begin August 10, 2024. He stated that Pards Soccer Club participant numbers have increased from 227 to this year's total of 250. He also stated that adult soccer season will be completed soon (largest season to date with 13 teams). Director commented that the PSC competed in their first regional tournament in Dallas, Texas.

Courtney Stevens, Aquatics Director, discussed how the Pards swim team participants has reached a total of 86 swimmers this year and had an undefeated team for the season. Board congratulated her and the team on a successful season. She also discussed all swim lessons noting one session remains. She also stated that the Aqua Pards season will continue weekends until Labor Day (school begins in August). Karen Anderson questioned if the indoor pool surface area will be addressed in the near future.

Superintendent noted that the indoor pool surface re-furbishment could be placed as a project in the 2025 budget. Board discussed and Chairman commented that the same funds should be placed toward adding recreational options that are new.

Paige Frederick, Fitness Director, informed the board of an upcoming pickle ball tournament on November 2-3, 2024, with the cost set at \$40 for members and \$70 for nonmembers.

Stephanie Morris, The Pines Golf Director, discussed the second annual youth golf camp which had 48 participants which was an increase of 15 from prior year. She announced an upcoming tournament including the glow ball event on Aug 2-3, 2024. She reported that the course irrigation project is about 50% complete. Board asked for an update on the Golf Cart lease and she noted that the final approval should be received this week which includes the District's request for an annual exit clause.

Rod Vulgamore gave a South Park report stating that the new walking trail is 90% complete and that his staff is removing fencing, painting poles, and replacing fence around the potential pickle ball court area.

There was no L M Lockhart report.

Ray Riley, Jr, commented on the Camp Empowerment program summer program and how it went very well this summer season. It was noted that a vacation bible school program has begun at L M Lockhart.

There were no further board comments.

Under committee reports, Chairman stated that a planning committee meeting will be scheduled 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 J.Mallett Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr., B.Pitre, K.Anderson, J.Mallett S.Elliott Nays -none Absent-Roni Juneau



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 12, 2024
Public Hearing will begin at 5:30 pm 8-12-24 regarding discussion of ad valorem tax for 2024