

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 14, 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., B. Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau
Absent-Sharon Elliott, Karen Anderson
Management Employees of the District
Public- David Graves, public information officer of Livingston Parish Library

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

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 9-9-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by R. Juneau seconded by B. Pitre Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau Nays-none Absent-Sharon Elliott, Karen Anderson Not voting-Ray Riley Jr.

Ray Riley Jr. arrived at the meeting.

Under Item 7, Superintendent presented an explanation of the Louisiana act for grant funds and documentation needed.

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to execute the contract on behalf of the District regarding State Act 776 with no public comment by B.Pitre seconded by A.Bell Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Sharon Elliott, Karen Anderson

Superintendent noted the delay for the State grant from Senator Hodges which is awaiting wording changes and final adoption. He recommended to advertise for bids for the lighting improvement grant for the Soccer complex. He stated that the specifications are written for 6 poles and for 2 fields. He noted that this grant excludes the direct wiring but he was pleased that Demco will provide this service at no cost to the District. Board discussed the lighting specifications.

Motion to advertise for public bids for the Soccer complex new lighting improvements (revised specifications) with sealed bids to be opened at noon 12-6-2024, with no public comment by B.Pitre seconded by R.Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Sharon Elliott, Karen Anderson

Superintendent stated that 5 dead trees at playground area must be addressed for safety and that the low quote is under \$12,000 to cut and remove.

Motion to approve the low quote of not to exceed \$12,000 for tree removal services around the playground area at North Park with no public comment by A.Bell seconded by R.Riley Jr Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Sharon Elliott, Karen Anderson

Superintendent reported that the fence repair at South Park is complete and work on the pavilion for electricity is underway. He stated that the first disc golf pad is complete with a volunteer's assistance. Clean up is in process for the Jamining in the Park to be held on 10-27-24 from 3pm till 6pm. The staff will be hosting an exhibition for public awareness of the park services and sports provided.

He reported that the funding renewal information signage regarding the December election are ready for placement at locations.

He also stated that the rules of the park signage for all park facilities is installed.

David Graves of the Livingston Parish Library presented a proposal for an internet device to be installed at L M Lockhart Park through a grant from the Library. He explained the grant which will provide free internet service at four sites in the Parish and the choice of L M Lockhart Park was made if the District accepts this free offer. The District would provide the installation site to protect the equipment. Board made comments on the proposal and the board consensus agreed to proceed with acceptance of this proposal.

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

Director, John Arbor, reported that NFL flag football league completed the registration process with 324 participants. He noted that registration for basketball is in progress and that the Adult Soccer league has grown with 15 teams. He noted that disc golf equipment is to be delivered this week.

Paige Frederick, Fitness Director, informed the board that an upcoming pickle ball tournament was postponed and that a new planning strategy for a 1 day tourney in coordination with other pickle ball tourneys for the spring of 2025. She stated that a recent membership promotion to an apartment complex yielded good results.

Courtney Stevens, Aquatics Director, noted that the Livingston Parish swim meet will be hosted at North Park on 11-10-24.

Stephanie Morris noted the golf tournaments scheduled for this fall and that a glow ball tourney will be held on 11-1-24 through 1-2-24. She stated that the golf course is looking great from recent maintenance activity. The golf carts are scheduled to be delivered on 10-28-24.

Rod Vulgamore gave a South Park report stating that public response on the pickle ball court has been all positive as well as for plans on the disc golf course.

There was no L M Lockhart Advisory Committee report.

There were no further board comments.

There were no committee reports.

Blaine Pitre departed the meeting.

Chairman thanked all staff and board for great efforts made in 2024 and noted that the budget report will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was no old business to report.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by R. Riley Jr., seconded by R. Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, R.Riley Jr., A.Bell Nays -none Absent- Sharon Elliott, Karen Anderson Not Voting- Blaine Pitre



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, November 11, 2024