

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 11, 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, K.Anderson, S.Elliott  
Absent-none

Management Employees of the District

Public- David Graves, public information officer of Livingston Parish Library and

Leadership Livingston organization along with five other committee members

L M Lockhart Advisory Committee: Daniel Landry, Drexel Robinson, Rachelle Aikens,  
Mr. Kendall Mitchell

Livingston Parish Councilman John Mangus

Prayer was led by Drexel Robinson and the pledge was given.

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 10-14-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by R. Juneau seconded by R.Riley Jr. Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau, K.Anderson, S.Elliott, R.Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-none

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

Administrative Treasurer provided an explanation of recent La. Legislative law changes which were effective 8-1-24 and a Livingston Parish Ordinance involving agenda procedures and public comment governance under public meeting law. Board consensus agreed to set a cut off time by the Superintendent for all future meetings.

Motion to lift the agenda to discuss item 12, L M Lockhart report since members of the public were in attendance to discuss the item with no public comment by R.Riley Jr. seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-none.

The L M Lockhart report was given by Rachelle Aikens noting that various events were held this past month at the park. She requested from the Committee that the board consider a proposal involving the L M Lockhart Park from the Leadership Livingston organization. Mr. David Gray addressed the board explaining their wish to construct a two part project at the L M Lockhart Park at no cost to the District. The proposal involves their wish to plan/design and construct a brick wall for recognizing past leaders of the community, especially past educators.

Mr. Gray noted that his organization ( a non-profit ) needs to know if the District would commit for this project before formal planning and funding is made from the initial formulation of ideas for this type of a project. Other members of the organization and members of the LMLAC made comment on their support of this idea. One member also stated that research will potentially progress on pursuing the national historic status of the site (this would be considered after the first project is done). Board members commented on various options of this proposal and the consensus of the board was to direct the group to meet soon with the Superintendent and Long Range Planning Committee to formulate acceptable details. Rachelle Aikens mentioned that plaques on this wall will be factual and historical. Chairman noted that the current policy is that no buildings, fields, or areas will be named after individuals. Board comments agreed that no monuments to individuals should be erected either. This issue will be discussed with the long range committee for future formal consideration. Chairman also requested that the 2025 LMLAC member nominees be ready for approval consideration at the next regular meeting.

Motion to return to the regular agenda item 7 for the Superintendent's report with no public comment by R.Riley Jr., seconded by K.Anderson Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-none.

Superintendent commented about the December 7<sup>th</sup> election and mentioned that a priority focus will be made to educate the public on the proposition on the ballot. A focus on facebook posts daily, signage reminders at all facilities. He covered the need to advertise for bids on sports equipment, sports uniforms, and concession services.

Director Jon Arbour reported that flag football has been completed and that basketball has begun. He again stated that adult soccer has 14 participating teams this year.

Motion to advertise for bids for concession services for the 2025 year as per published specifications with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by S.Elliott Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-none.

Motion to advertise for bids for sports equipment for the 2025 year as per published specifications year with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by A.Bell Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-none.

Motion to advertise for bids for uniforms for the 2025 year as per published specifications year with no public comment by R.Juneau seconded by B.Pitre Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-none.

Paige Frederick, Fitness Director, gave the fitness report and stated that a free day trial for FAC was introduced where a guest who signs up with their contact information is given a free day pass.

Courtney Stevens, Aquatics Director, noted that the Livingston Parish swim meet was moved to 12-1-2024, at North Park.

Superintendent gave The Pines report for Stephanie Morris noting that the golf cart revised contract should be ready by early December.

Rod Vulgamore gave a South Park report stating that some trees need to be taken down. He reported that the Baton Rouge Disc Golf Association donated \$500 to help pay for landscaping for the new course.

Director gave a program committee report with rate changes for various sports programs.

Motion to approve the program committee's recommendation of changes effective immediately with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by A.Bell Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-none.

Superintendent presented a rental committee report and noted that fee increases are recommended for 2025. Ray Riley Jr. asked about lowering resident's gym rates. Chairman explained that the non-resident fees are 50% higher than resident fees.

Motion to approve the proposed rates at the Tony Dugas Center as proposed with no public comment by S.Elliott seconded by R.Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-none.

Superintendent discussed rental rate changes at L M Lockhart and the insurance factors. Board consensus agreed for the District to reserve the right to require insurance for any rental they deem necessary for events.

Motion to approve the proposed rates at the L M Lockhart Park as proposed with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by R.Riley Jr. Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, B.Pitre, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, S.Elliott Nays-none Absent-none.

Superintendent noted that the rental committee recommended to add a non-resident category rate. Sharon Elliott requested that wine be available upon request to the contract at The Pines.

Superintendent summarized the proposed budget for 2025 and Amended 2024 along with the Budget Committee members. He noted that some full time staff will be reclassified to hourly (eligible for overtime) due to a new Louisiana law. He reported that the District budget results was near the 2024 amended proposed. He noted that the Budget Committee proposes the 2025 Budget with an increase in program fees and rental fees. Superintendent gave a detail on adding a two man crew for performing special projects in 2025. He mentioned that we will need a new vehicle under capital outlay. He noted that the revenue from the Country Jam Fest will probably be reduced since their plans may be to move to the Livingston Parish Fair grounds in 2025.

Chairman asked for approval of the LM Lockhart Advisory Committee's event calendar. Various events were discussed and upcoming rental potential at this park (AAU team and volleyball).

Motion to approve the LM Lockhart Advisory Committee event calendar with no public comments by S.Elliott seconded by A.Bell Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, A.Bell, R.Juneau., R.Riley Jr., K.Anderson, S.Elliott Nays-B. Pitre Absent-none.

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, S.Elliott, B.Pitre, K.Anderson, R.Juneau Nays -none Absent-none



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Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

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

Public Hearing on 2025 Budget and 2024 Amended Budget discussion at 5:30 pm