

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, 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 that item.

Present- J.Dyason-Norris, A.Bell, S.Elliott, Ray Riley Jr., R.Juneau

Absent-Karen Anderson

Management Employees of the District

Public- citizens, Buford Elliott, Mr. and Mrs Jim Gilbert, David Gray

Daniel Landry, L M Lockhart Advisory Committee

Drexel Robinson, Deborah Robinson, Kendall Mitchell, Maria Riley, Ray Riley Sr.

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

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 3-10-24 meeting as mailed with no public comment by S. Elliott seconded by R.Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, Ray Riley Jr., A. Bell, R. Juneau Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson

A financial report was presented for the March 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 R.Riley, Jr Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R. Riley Jr., R.Juneau, A.Bell Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson

Superintendent shared an update on improvement projects performed.

He noted that the Acts 776 state grant funds have been received (one remains) and he stated that will be spent in 2025.

\*He commented on two trees needing removal from The Pines and that 24 trees at North Park will be addressed. The lowest quote is for \$22,000 from a contractor

\*He noted various fencing improvements at fields.

\*He reported that a slide at South Park is cracked and a new slide is being shipped this week.

\*He reported that the Financial audit began and is proceeding well.

\*He reported on two past insurance claims by attendees at the Water Park regarding the insurance carrier's attorneys. One has been settled recently.

\*He noted that the insurance coverage quoted was received and the other water park carriers are being researched by our agent. Various public questions were fielded regarding bus coverage for transporting youth from L M Lockhart park.

\*He presented the 2024 Louisiana Systems Audit Compliance Questionnaire for approval.

Motion to adopt the 2024 Louisiana Systems Audit Compliance Questionnaire as presented by Superintendent by A. Bell seconded by R. Juneau Vote passed  
Yeas- J. Dyason-Norris, S. Elliott, R. Riley Jr., R. Juneau, A. Bell Nays-none Absent-  
Karen Anderson

Director, John Arbor, reported that the regular baseball/softball season has begun today and he noted progress on adult soccer registration.

\*He stated that summer camp registration results a gain of 35 from the previous year (total equaled 285). The forecast reveals an increase by \$30,000 in revenues.

\*He reported on the lighting project update and that the expectation is that the equipment will be received the week of May 12, 2025, by the manufacturer.

\*He recommended rate increases along with the program committee's recommendation for increasing 2025 fees for soccer play. He stated the increase proposal involves an additional \$25 for District members and \$50 for out of District members. He stated that the Pards Soccer Club rate would now be \$500 in District and \$800 for Out of District versus the past rates of \$475 and \$750.

Motion to adopt the recommended soccer registration fees for the fall of 2025 as presented by the Director by R. Juneau seconded by R. Riley, Jr. Vote passed  
Yeas- J. Dyason-Norris, S. Elliott, R. Riley Jr., R. Juneau, A. Bell Nays-none Absent-  
Karen Anderson

Superintendent noted that a cushion contingency of \$10,000 for the lighting project appears to exist without any change orders on the project. He recommended to use the contingency amounts for the purchase of four portable units which are now being required to be rented during soccer games. Board discussed the lighting project construction and it was stated that the Acts 776 funds must be used by 6-30-25.

Superintendent gave an Aquatics Director report noting that life guard training is being conducted tonight. He also stated that various repairs have been made to the water park facilities and he covered various electronic repairs made due to bad weather.

He noted that at The Pines golf play is increasing from the public.

He stated that South Park operations are going well with pickle ball use very high.

It was noted that disc golf participants are increasing also and that the KOA will eventually be adjusting fencing on the perimeter area of the park.

Superintendent noted that the entrance culvert replacement is planned with the assistance of the Gravity Drainage District 1. DOTD has granted approval for the road ditch culvert replacement.

Under the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee report and provided minutes to the April 7, 2025, committee meeting. Maria Riley provided a promotional flyer copy being used for Camp Empowerment use this year. Mr. Landry questioned factors on the air conditioner installation at the park. Superintendent noted that two units are working and installed. The target date for the other two units is the end of April.

There were no further committee reports.

There was no old business.

Under additional public comments, Drexel Robinson stated that negative comments from residents have been received regarding the rental requirement for Roberts United Church to hold worship services at L M Lockhart park. Superintendent explained the state statute that requires the District to have a rental policy for non profit organizations for use of all areas. Other board members made comments on the requirement of the policy.

Drexel Robinson also questioned why the District cancelled the mural project at L M Lockhart park. Superintendent noted that the District did not cancel the project but only gave oversight to the Livingston Parish Chamber Leadership project.

Mr. Jim Gilbert and David Gray commented that the Chamber simply delayed the project (as of 4-8-25) due to timing issues of expenses and that it was not cancelled. The District is allowing continued conversation on this future project as a historical project. An explanation of the District policy for not allowing individual's names being placed on buildings was made.

Mrs. Bridgette Gilbert (former park commissioner) reported that in 2005, the board ceased the naming of any facility for individuals as a District policy. The motion was made by Mr. Arthur Perkins and seconded by her in 2005.

Under board comments, Andrea Bell wants a policy documented regarding rule changes without full board approval for clarity purposes. Superintendent stated that that policy already exists and is mentioned under the "project inquiries for Pards" document. Andrea Bell recommended that this document be made part of the the published policy and procedures.

Various public comments were made on the historical purposes of a possible future project at L M Lockhart park being undertaken by Livingston Parish Chamber Leadership group.

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



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Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

**Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 12, 2025**