

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the North Park Multipurpose Recreation Facility located at 30372 Eden Church Road in Denham Springs, La.

Public hearing was opened by Vice Chairman for the discussion of the ad valorem millage consideration for 2025. Administrative Secretary explained the projections of the millage being proposed and that the District is not rolling forward.

There were no public comments.

Vice Chairman closed public hearing at 5:35 pm

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Sharon Elliott, noting that any public may comment on any agenda item or resolution during discussion period for that item.

Present- Sharon Elliott, R.Juneau, K.Anderson, T. Ferris, Ray Riley Jr.

Absent-Julie Dyason-Norris

Management Employees of the District

Public- Lee Bozeman and Karen McNeal.

L M Lockhart Advisory Committee- Daniel Landry

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

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 7-14-25 meeting as mailed with no public comment by R. Juneau seconded by K. Anderson Vote passed Yeas- S.Elliott, K. Anderson, R. Juneau, R. Riley, Jr., T. Ferris, Nays-none Absent- Julie Dyason-Norris

Motion to adopt to levy on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject by the Livingston Parish Recreation District 3 for Maintenance purposes the rate of 10.72 mills for 2025 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 2025, 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 Tom Ferris seconded by R.Riley, Jr. Vote passed Yeas- Karen Anderson, Sharon Elliott, Roni Juneau, Tom Ferris, Ray Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Julie Dyason-Norris

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 reported that he was satisfied with the final corrections internally made by the staff for corrections on income coding for the periods March through June. He also explained the importance of the October 11, 2025 Renewal Election. Board made comments that in 2026 the millage would be set at 15 mills and their intention in the following years to decrease the millage below the maximum 15 mill rate.

Motion to approve the July financial report as presented with no public comment by K. Anderson seconded by R. Juneau Vote passed Yeas- S.Elliott, R.Juneau, K.Anderson, T. Ferris, R. Riley Jr. Nays-none Absent-Julie Dyason-Norris

Superintendent reported that the new security camera system is installed at South Park and research on installing the same type system at North Park is underway along with portions of L M Lockhart Park.

*He reported that a huge tree removal was performed (\$2500) at The Pines as a safety emergency.

*He stated that many maintenance projects will begin again for the fall.

*He is researching additional Pickle Ball courts at South Park since potential grant funding from State Government is being explored.

*Superintendent stated that he will be placing election education signage as well as mailings to selected citizens well before the October 11, 2025 Renewal Election.

*Superintendent noted that the staff will be hosting a booth at the October 4, 2025, Denham Springs Fall Fest for outreach and promotion of District programs provided to the public. He noted that the consultant is shooting videos presently which will be used and can be used in the future promotion of District benefits to District 3 and for Livingston Parish. Sharon Elliott mentioned that an L M Lockhart Park promotion will be held that same day (October 4th) to increase education on the District for the public.

*He stated that the South Park event (Trunk or Treat) is scheduled for the end of October.

Director, John Arbor, reported that practices for fall soccer, fall baseball and flag football have begun. Karen Anderson reported on comments about the heat for the early schedule this year for practice times and the need to schedule later for 2026.

Director noted that a pre-season soccer play event will be held before the fall season kicks off. Tom Ferris suggested to organize or host a Parish Cup type event for all area wide soccer recreation soccer teams next year.

He summarized the various park seasons for the board and noted that the Livingston Parish Council will recognize the Pards Soccer Club 17-18 year old team for advancing into the National Tournament in 2025, at their last meeting in August.

Courteney Stevens gave an Aquatics Director report noting that the water park will be open through the Labor Day weekend and that results were great in 2025.

She stated that the high school swim team will begin fall season soon.

Superintendent noted that \$100,000 will be budgeted for improvements at the Water Park facilities.

Paige Frederick gave a Fitness report stating that sign up has begun for the open Pickle Ball Tournament planned for 9-28-25 at North Park.

Stephanie Morris presented The Pines operation report and explained the tree removal and two day closure for green maintenance. She stated that many public contacts have been received for potential rental of the ballroom, but the increase in pricing is affecting the actual confirmation of a rental. Ray Riley Jr., suggested to place the pricing review onto the next meeting's agenda. Superintendent commented that he will forward this for the next program committee meeting.

Rod Vulgamore reported that South Park operations are going very smoothly.

Daniel Landry of the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee gave a report of the August 4, 2025, committee meeting. He noted that one event was cancelled due to thunderstorm rainfall causing poor drainage at an entranceway. Superintendent explained the current elevation at this specific spot and that expensive improvements were needed to direct water flow away from this entrance when a heavy downpour happens. He stated that some relief will be addressed by the staff.

Mr. Landry noted that the old windows need to be replaced due their age being beyond 50 years old. It was noted that this replacement cost is estimated at a very large amount.

There were no Committee reports.

There was no Chairman report.

Under Old Business, Superintendent reported that Chairman Julie Dyason-Norris has resigned effective this meeting from the District. Board commented on their appreciation for her many years of service given unto the District.

Board discussed options for electing an acting Chairman and on various committee appointment needs.

Board also discussed digital options on promoting the District programs to the public in the coming months.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by K.Anderson seconded by R. Riley, Jr., Vote passed Yeas- R.Juneau, S.Elliott, K.Anderson, T. Ferris, R. Riley Jr. Nays -none Absent-Julie Dyason-Norris



Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 8, 2025