

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 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, Sharon Elliott, R.Juneau, K.Anderson, T. Ferris

Absent-Ray Riley, Jr.

Management Employees of the District

Public- none

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

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 6-9-25 meeting as mailed with no public comment by S. Elliott seconded by R. Juneau Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, K. Anderson, R. Juneau. T. Ferris Nays-none Absent- Ray Riley, Jr.

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 reported on the progress on the financial records assembly by staff and spring corrections accomplished.

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

Superintendent reported on the new addition on the accounting staff, Sharon Isles (part time) and stated he was pleased with the progress made thus far in the transition of losing a long time accounting staff member.

*He noted that grass equipment repairs have increased since maintenance on the older mowing units has been the focus.

*He reported that security cameras are being installed at South Park this week.

*He reported on a new state grant of approximately \$60,000 may become a reality and he recommended to apply the grant funds to the improvement work on the old track.

Chairman shared comments on the efforts of Parish Councilwoman Erin Sandifer to secure this grant from Senator Hodges' office. Chairman shared how attention to South Park should be a priority in near future. Superintendent agreed on future budgeting plan will have allocations for funding improvements at South Park. It was made known that Councilwoman Sandifer also had suggested research into an alternative form of concrete drive for consideration to be used at the Parks.

*Superintendent recommended to add Accounting Director as a signer onto the operations checking account. Board discussed and Tom Ferris stated that there was a "Delegate of Authority" role that allows interaction with the bank on behalf of the District without signature privileges.

Motion to authorize Accounting Director to be recognized as Delegate of Authority on the Hancock Whitney operation; bank account with no public comment by T. Ferris seconded by S. Elliott Vote passed Yeas- J.Dyason-Norris, S.Elliott, R.Juneau, K.Anderson, T. Ferris Nays-none Absent-Ray Riley, Jr.

Chairman commented on the Lighting Project's completion appears to be a success. She also made note of the need for dumpster attention regarding replacement as well as what appears as a crushed culvert at one location in the park.

Karen Anderson suggested for the future to research the potential of hosting an end of year tourney where area regional all-star teams participate or the potential of a league kick off jamboree type event.

Director, John Arbor, reported on Pards Soccer Club successes in advancing into the National Tournament in Tampa, Florida. (17- 18 year old group). Sharon Elliott suggested to pursue recognition by the Livingston Parish Council at a regular meeting. Chairman will research placing it on agenda for Livingston Parish Council for recognition of the team.

*Director is researching recent retrofit actions from complexes in other areas that have LED lighting. He noted that it was estimated by a lighting company (Photometrics) that the track could have proper lighting (with new technology) for \$75,000 to \$80,000 and the softball complex for \$235,000. Boar discussed the idea, but requested that at this time for management to slow plans.

*He reported on the new Lighting Project's performance as very positive.

Sharon Elliott asked Director if there was any new information from KOA regarding their fencing installation adjacent to the South Park border. Director noted that the owner of KOA has plans but is in the clearing stages first before fencing is installed.

Courteney Stevens gave an Aquatics Director report noting that the water park thus far this season has had an increase of attendees compared to the last two years. She stated that the swim team is finishing the season. She explained the weather closing policy regarding entrants, refunds, and rain checks.

Paige Frederick gave a Fitness report stating that she is planning for next year with addition of new equipment upgrades but did note that the old equipment has been repaired timely during this year. She noted plans being formulated for re-arrangement of equipment space for a new look.

Superintendent noted that The Pines operation is going very well but a purchase of a new pump may be required for the pond irrigation. Other options are being considered. Sharon Elliott recommended attention to the entrance of the building (painting, etc) Board also discussed potential planning for renovations to upgrade the ballroom area for better rentals.

Rod Vulgamore reported on South Park operations and that the disc golf public participation remains strong.

There was no L M Lockhart Advisory Committee report.

The Finance Committee gave a report explaining the need for a part time accounting employee and the action they approved lat month in the successful hiring of a qualified individual.

It was also noted that the Public Relations Committee will be meeting soon.

Chairman gave no report, since comments were made earlier in the meeting.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Randall Smith".

Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 11, 2025