

The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 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 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, T. Ferris, Ray Riley Jr., Lee Bozeman, Trevin Theriot

Absent- Karen Anderson

Management Employees of the District

Public- Rebecca Roberts, Andrew Authement

L M Lockhart Advisory Committee- Daniel Landry

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

There were no public comments.

Vice Chairman recognized and welcomed newly appointed commissioners, Lee Bozeman and Trevin Theriot to the board.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 8-11-25 meeting as mailed with no public comment by R. Juneau seconded by T. Ferris Vote passed Yeas- S.Elliott, T.Ferris, R.Juneau, L. Bozeman, T. Theriot, Nays-none Absent- Karen Anderson Not Voting Ray Riley Jr.

Ray Riley Jr. arrived at the meeting.

A financial report was presented for the August period of operations and budget line item comparisons for the year were noted by the Administrative Treasurer. He also reported on each major program's interim results as of August 31, 2025, in regards to revenue received versus expenses paid per program year to date. He gave a brief history of the District's financial funding and expansion.

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

Several citizens fielded financial, budget and operational questions. They gave comments on the upcoming renewal election in October, 2025, relating to millage rates. The financial questions were answered by the Superintendent, board members and the Administrative Treasurer.

Superintendent reported on various maintenance projects underway (playground repair, fencing, bathroom leak modifications, painting pavilions, pump adjustments, L.M.Lockhart items, and general lighting). *He noted that the pump repair at The Pines will cost approximately \$14,000.

*He reported that all sports programs are going well.

*He stated that early research on the long range track overlay project reveals that the cost may be between \$160,000 and \$180,000.

Director, John Arbor, reported that practices for fall soccer have begun and that league play begins on 9-27-25 with a weekend tournament and that regular play is scheduled through 11-8-25.

Director noted that soccer registration was very good recently for the fall season, but reported that a shortage of soccer coaches as being a great challenge to field all teams. He and the Superintendent discussed fees charged for "in district participants" and 'out of district participants'.

Tom Ferris commented on potential of recruiting a younger age pool for coaching and the philosophy for getting assistance from parents. He discussed the potential of several incentives for coaches. Director gave examples of experienced coaches which has provided better results and the Superintendent explained the current incentive policy being followed for coaches.

Vice Chairman congratulated the PARDS Soccer Club (18 to 19 year old boys) for the recent recognition by the Livingston Parish Council and the team's participation in the quarterfinals of a National Tournament.

Paige Frederick gave a Fitness report stating that the second "Free" Pickle Ball Tourney is planned for 9-20-25 at North Park with many people interested.

She also noted that a dance group is re-forming for performing at nursing homes as part of the fitness program.

She noted on behalf of Courteney Stevens, Aquatics Manager, that the water park has closed for the summer. She noted that all high schools are now using the pool for their swim team practices at the indoor pool. Also, she stated that Tiger Aquatics continues to be operating well within the contract.

Stephanie Morris presented The Pines operation report, noting that the pond pump repair is in progress. She reported on a golf tournament planned for 9-20-25.

Rod Vulgamore reported on a dangerous tree removal performed and completed at South Park. He stated that disc golf continues to be popular with many citizens. He summarized the plans for the Livingston Parish Council's Trunk or Treat event planned for 10-26-25 6pm to 8pm and invited the board to attend.

Daniel Landry of the L M Lockhart Advisory Committee noted that brochures were distributed to residents around L M Lockhart Park regarding the 10-4-25 educational event scheduled.

Under Committee reports, the Rental and Operation Procedure Committee proposed a rental rate adjustment lowering public rates on the Tony Dugas Center and The Pines hall with new rates effective immediately. The change is to encourage the public's use since volume appears to have decreased since the rate change a year ago.

Motion to approve the current rental rate proposal as recommended by the Rental Rate & Procedures Committee relating to public rentals of space effective immediately with no public comment by R.Juneau seconded by R.Riley Jr. Vote passed S.Elliott, R.Juneau, T. Ferris, R. Riley Jr., T. Theriot, L. Bozeman Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson

Vice Chairman reminded that all board members should complete the Ethics and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training before year end (secure certificate).

There was no Old Business.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by R.Juneau seconded by R. Riley, Jr., Vote passed Yeas- R.Juneau, S.Elliott, T. Ferris, R. Riley Jr., L. Bozeman, T.Theriot Nays -none Absent-Karen Anderson

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

Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, October 13, 2025