The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, 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, 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, Ray Riley Jr., L. Dunlap, Lee Bozeman, Tom Ferris
Absent-Karen Anderson
Management Employees of the District
Public-Erin Sadefur, Livingston Parish Council
L M Lockhart Advisory Committee- Georgette Williams, 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 3-9-26 meeting as mailed with no public comment by T. Ferris seconded by R. Juneau Vote passed Yeas- S. Elliott, R. Juneau, L. Dunlap, R. Riley, Jr., T. Ferris, L. Bozeman 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 March financial report as presented with no public comment by R. Riley Jr. seconded by R. Juneau Vote passed Yeas-S. Elliott, R. Juneau, R. Riley ,Jr L. Dunlap, T. Ferris, L. Bozeman Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson

Superintendent stated that the staff will be resuming many maintenance projects soon and covered the safety need to remove the cypress trees and knees at the front of the Center.
*He shared that at the L M Lockhart park building that the roof sealant had been installed and the project is awaiting a new rain event to analyze all the adjustments.
*He noted that North Park roofing solutions appear to be holding from past month's actions.
*He stated that the pickle ball project was completed at South Park and noted some other improvements made with the state legislative funds.
*He noted that carpet at The Pines is installed and that quotes on the painting is in progress on the club house.
*He reported on the new phone system that will be installed soon whereby all phones at each park campus will be linked for an improved communication effect as well as a decrease in phone expenses.
*He noted that the spring programs are in progress this month as well as the financial audit underway.
*He stated that the pool at North Park has a rip in the liner and quotes for deck replacement and pool modifications have been secured. Three quotes were secured and the low quote is from Artesian Pool & Spa for $102,120. He recommends to award this contract to the low quoting firm.

Motion to award the upgrade to new decking and pool finishing project to the low quote vendor, Artesian Pool & Spa in the amount of $102,120 as recommended by Superintendent with no public comment by R. Juneau seconded by R. Riley, Jr Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Karen Anderson

Director Jon Arbor reported on an injury incident to a flag football participant whose parents are requesting that the District pay their deductible of $350. Board discussed and noted that the NFL league for youth flag football has coverage for each participant, but the first claim has a deductible liability to the participant. Board consensus agreed to send this request to Legal Counsel for clarification and precedence.
*He summarized his meeting with the DS Junior Football Organization representatives regarding practice at South Park. Chairman noted parking space issues from other visitors of other uses which appear to be impacted from the football crowds. Councilman Sandefur noted instances of erratic parking and children wandering all over park grounds during football practices causing traffic safety concerns. Tom Ferris also noted that a liability concern on maximizing crowds at specific hours. Chairman mentioned the immediate need for a specific parking area for the football team visitors and having enough room for regular park visitor parking at South Park. Lee Bozeman suggested splitting age groups for football and possibly moving some to North Park for practice. Laura Dunlap stated that a similar rental fee would be around $4000 or $650 per month for a six month rental period. It was noted that Director will continue negotiations with the youth football representatives.

Superintendent reported on the termination of the boys soccer director who has plans for his own soccer club (Livingston Futbol Club) to play at Walker facilities. Superintendent noted that most of the boys coaches have left our program with this individual. He stated plans to move forward with evaluations and work to find new coaches for the upcoming season teams registered. Lee Bozeman stressed that the park should provide affordable sports to all residents, and that the competitive aspect should not be as important ss recreational play. Roni Juneau commented that this same philosophy for program goals should be less on competitive play as a priority. John Baio noted that there are 19 teams planned for and that 10 teams would better suit the current program. It was noted that a reduction in the PSC will alleviate space issues for other programs and potentially give space for the youth football in planning for crowds.
Superntendent noted that he is happy in this new direction which seems right for Pards. He stated that evaluations will be mailed next week as planned and he covered the Rec Plus Program details. This new program should fill the need for those kids not quite ready for competitive soccer. This program should provide more training to these kids (14 training sessions). He stated that Rec Plus program will be treated as a separate program from the recreational soccer program and coaches will also be certified.

Director gave the Fitness operations report and noted that this Friday will be the free pickleball day at the FAC. It was also noted that a new hip abductor machine has been very well received by heavy use. He stated that Aquatics Director is getting the water park ready for the summer season. Tom Ferris noted positive public remarks on the Friday birthday party rentals.

Superintendent gave The Pines report and stated that the punch machine needs about $3000 in repairs. It was also noted that about 30 trees need to be removed. Tom Ferris complimented the great appearance of the course as compared to past days as the DS Country Club.

Councilwoman Sandefur asked about the potential of a pond near the walking trail and the cost that would be involved. Comments stated the cost would be under $300,000 range including landscape. Lee Bozeman noted that cost estimate for the pond seems very high. Superintendent noted that this estimate included tree removal, fence adjustments and other structure changes.

Daniel Landry reported on the L M Lockhart advisory committee meeting on April 6, 2026. He mentioned multiple options for the tea event that was being planned for. Option 1 involves charging $175 per table with a forecast of 10 tables (90 people). He stated that this option was the choice of the advisory committee. Discussion was made on this event planning and the members involved.

There were no committee reports or old business.

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

Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 11, 2026