The Parks and Recreation District 3 met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 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- S. Elliott, R. Juneau, L. Dunlap, Lee Bozeman, Tom Ferriss, Karen Anderson
Absent- Ray Riley Jr.,
Management Employees of the District
Public-Taylor Swain of Smith Accounting, Andrea Curtis
L M Lockhart Advisory Committee- None

Prayer was led by Taylor Swain of Smith Accounting and the pledge was given.

There were no public comments.

The Superintendent was asked to read the following change to page 2 paragraph 2 of the June 8, 2026 minutes into the record : Motion to accept the 2025 financial audit and 2025 AUP audit as presented with no public comment by R.Juneau seconded by R. Riley Jr. Vote passed Yeas-L.Bozeman , S.Elliott, K. Anderson, R.Riley Jr, R.Juneau, T. Ferriss Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to adopt the minutes of the June 8, 2026 meeting as corrected with no public comment by R. Juneau seconded by T. Ferriss. Vote passed Yeas- S. Elliott, R. Juneau, L. Dunlap, T. Ferriss, L. Bozeman, K. Anderson 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 Taylor Swain of Smith Accounting.

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

Superintendent stated that a new 10 ton AC Unit will be installed at the Fitness and Aquatics Center in the coming weeks weather depending.
*He reported that recent issues at the Water Park included pumps being down and a busted chlorine line. After the Water Park closes, 4 pumps will be sent out and rebuilt This will be a cost savings to the park vs purchasing new pumps.
*The Superintendent also stated that staffing shortages with lifeguards and callouts from employees had recently caused the Water Park to close early and change the availability of certain Water Park features. To address the issue, 5 new lifeguards will be going to training.
*He also stated that the vacant Aquatics director role will be advertised and filled soon. He noted that one excellent prospect was interviewed already. Additionally, a full time Assistant Aquatics Director will be hired. Both employees will be sent for certifications (AFO) needed for their positions in Aquatics and they will both be sent for training to become certified lifeguard trainers.

The board discussed the cost savings this will bring to the park because training can now be done in house and there is potential in the future to offer services to the public regarding the training of lifeguards for other entities.
*The Superintendent also discussed the need in next years budget for additional maintenance items including the splash pads.

The Assistant Superintendent, John Arbour, gave his report noting that flag football numbers were the same as last year and that it was a good turnout. Additionally, he noted the numbers for fall baseball were very strong and that he expects 10-12 teams compared to prior years only having 4-6.
*He noted that baseball, softball and adult soccer had wrapped up and that fall soccer registration begins August 1st.
*He noted that currently 110 kids have registered for before and after care. This is the same as last year and spots filled quickly.
*He reported that there is a youth golf camp this week at The Pines and that there are multiple tournaments/scrambles scheduled in the coming weeks if the weather allows.
*He reported that upholstery projects were being completed at the Fitness Center.
*The Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent both discussed new requirements from the State as it is related to childcare at the summer camps and the number of children that can be in certain "areas". There may be a need in the future to relocate offices to manage the in and out of the public and staff from the childcare areas. Additional training requirements were also discussed. The new requirements may require a shorter summer camp schedule next year due to the overlap of required training. The board discussed potential fixes, additional buildings, and training schedules. There will be additional discussions in future after clarification is given by the State.

Under the South Park Report, Rod Vulgamore noted that the disc golf course is bringing a lot of attention to South Park. Currently, there are multiple disc golf events scheduled to take place in the coming weeks. Rod and the board discussed the need for additional parking. Gravel will be added to accommodate football and disc golf participants parking needs.

Under the LM Lockhart report, Mr. Daniel was absent. He supplied a copy of minutes for the previous LM Lockhart Advisory committee in his absence. S. Anderson discussed a recent call from the public about the basketball courts at LM Lockhart. She referred them to the committee, and the committee could bring this to the board in the future. The Chairman noted that an event will be held on August 2nd and there is also a first responders basketball game that day as well after the event.

There were no committee reports. The Chairman discussed the need for a finance committee meeting. A date was set for Tuesday July, 21st at 5:30 for the finance committee meeting.

Under Chairmans report, Sharon Elliot discussed she had heard great things about the recent turnout at Camp Empowerment, Additionally, at a recent event Valerie Hodges was pleased with how money had been spent at South Park.

There was no old business.

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

Randall Smith

Randall Smith Administrative Treasurer

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 10, 2026

Public Hearing will begin at 5:30 pm 8-10-26 regarding discussion of ad valorem tax millage