

PONCHATOULA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD

The PARD # 1 held a regular meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017. Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Kennedy, Palmer, Byers, Fletcher

Absent: Rocquin

Guest: Riggs, Paul

Riggs representing James, Lambert, Riggs & Associated CPA firm presented the 2017 Proposed General Fund Amended Budget and introduced the 2018 Proposed Budget to the Board. A Public Hearing will be held before the next Board Meeting, in December, to adopt the budget for 2018. The proposed budget is available for public viewing at the reception desk of the park. Kennedy made a motion to approve the 2017 Amended Budget. Byers seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

After review of the October 19, 2017 regular meeting minutes and October 25, 2017 special meeting Byers made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Fletcher seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

After a review of the financials provided by Martin, Kennedy made a motion to accept the financial review report. Byers seconded the motion and all board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

Kennedy asked the outcome of water bill dispute with Tangipahoa Water District. Stevens reported issue is resolved and all bills are now current and leak surround the tower has been repaired. Board discussed change of date for regular December board meeting, members agreed to move meeting up one week due to Christmas Holiday.

Byers discussed purchase of approximately 12 acres of land from Bedico Community Center. The Community Center offers purchase of land to PARD at appraised value, with all proceeds from sales to repair existing community building on the property. PARD will take ownership of the building at end of 8 year period at no additional cost. Fletcher discussed expense of additional land and the need to consider plans in place for expansion of the gym. Board agreed to meet with Jim Ryan, financial advisor with Government Consultants of Louisiana, to discuss options for financing expansions to the park in 2018.

The 2017 Volleyball season has officially ended. Volleyball presented first and second place teams with trophies. Football is scheduled to end on the 18<sup>th</sup> with final All-Star game. Basketball registration has official closed. Drafts will take place soon and practices are scheduled to begin December 4 and games will begin in January. Pickle ball is gaining momentum and open court play is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday morning. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Arts & Craft Show got a great response from vendors. There are currently close to 50 vendors registered for the 2017 craft show. The Arts & Craft Show is Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 9:00 am until 4:00 p.m. in the gym.

Under park manager's report Stevens stated bids are still out on metal building for addition to gym, should have by next month's meeting. Stevens share with the board designs for adult exercise station and explain the plan for adult exercise station to be installed outdoors around walking trail. Board discussed purchase of exercise stations and agreed pre-fabricated equipment is cost effective and build for safety. Repainting of parking lot spaces and poles around park is completed.

Palmer thanked the board for their support and asked in advance for continued support to work together.

Fletcher made a motion to adjourn. Byers seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p. m.

Eldrid Palmer, Chairman

Charlotte Martin, Secretary