

PONCHATOULA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD

The PARD # 1 held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2016. Rocquin called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Rocquin, Palmer, Kennedy, Byers

Absent: Fletcher

Visitor: Jacob Stevens, Park Manager

After reviewing the February 25, 2016 regular meeting, Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Kennedy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

Martin presented the financial review to the board. After a review, Palmer made a motion to accept the financial review report prepared by Martin. Rogers seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

Under the Park Manger's Report, Stevens reported the pond is back to normal after the flooding. The aerator system has been installed and up and running. Fish feeder will begin feeding when temperatures consistently stay above 60 degrees. Grass is greening up and becoming active. First fertilizer application, as well as first growth regulator application is planned for next week. Selser's Creek covered much of the east side of the park with the recent rains. Football concession was flooded but all appliances dried out and are running. Gym had electrical issues due to power outage. Fiber optic installation is underway and construction will be finished in the next week. The large pine tree at the football/T-ball concession area has been removed. New acrylic windows have been installed upstairs at the central concession with improvement in clarity and quality over the original plexiglas. New switches for the basketball goals have arrived, waiting on the lock box that covers them to be delivered so that installation can begin. Stevens and Rocqin meet with Tommy's Lock and Alarms and has the number and locations of new camera and expect a price quote in the near future.

Stevens stated the new field drag and field mower for baseball fields is in and operational with all fields being cut twice this year which should result in a better playing surface with a shorter grass. Three lanes at front entrance is not feasible. Driveway is too narrow to allow for an additional turning lane.

The board discussed the youth sports programs. Ponchatoula Youth Basketball is closing with baseball and softball season opening soon. Stevens announced the baseball practice fields and backstops were renumbered with numbers progressive from the front of park to the back for a total of 30 practice fields. Eight more practice fields than last year. Two new backstop were installed at Millville Field in town and nets are up on baseball fields. Basketball championship games were pushed back to March 18-20 due to the flood conditions. Baseball/Softball registration ended and drafts will be held by end of the month. A total of 1092 participants registered for this season baseball/softball and still have open for boys 15-19 and girls 13-18. An Adult Volleyball League expressed interest in playing at PARD and will present to the next board meeting. PHS will use the gym for Summer Basketball Camp and conduct a clinic for the basketball program.

Under old business, the board discussed insurance policies with Jackson-Vaughan Agency and agreed to keep policies in place of this year.

Rocquin discussed the March flood. He stated the crew did an excellent job on clean up and the park was re-open by 12:00 noon on Sunday. Lost included approximately one-half of fish in pond, electrical damage to lights in gym, and flooding of football concession stand. Preliminary damage assessment reported to the parish for FEMA was \$8,000. Tangipahoa Parish Government will host a briefing for agencies next week in Amite with more information.

Under the Chairman's Report, Rocquin informed the board of reimbursement from PON Food for beverage contract. Discussed revision to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement stating that concession must be removed from concession stands within two week at end of the season. Directional signage design by Dufreche |Perkins & Associated is complete and signage is being printed by Sign World. Signage will be installed throughout the park to identify all parts of the athletic facility. The installation of new signage will be done in-house. Artisan Pyrotechnics received the initial deposit of 50% of the cost of the 4th of July show. A representative from Pyrotechnics will attend the next board meeting.

Palmer made a motion to adjourn. Kennedy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Ronnie Rocquin, Chairman

Charlotte Martin, Board Secretary