

PONCHATOULA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1
CHAIRMAN AND BOARD

The PARD #1 held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016. Rocquin called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and the roll was called.

Present: Rocquin, Fletcher, Kennedy, Byers, Palmer

Absent: None

Visitor: Jacob Stevens, Park Manager

After reviewing the March 24, 2016 regular minutes, Byers 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.

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

Under the Park Manager's Report, Stevens announced opening day of baseball went well and fields are in good condition. The crowd was smaller than last year. Basketball switches have been installed in the gym to allow goals to move up and be returned to center position. Stevens meet with Ken Rust with LA Pond Management. Fertilizing seem to be working in the pond, It is a good green color and showing signs of the fish spawning. Pond was dragged in three different areas to check quantity and types of fish.

Rocquin discussed a request from the Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court for use of the gym and events building for group training. Stevens said since the Clerk of Court is considered a government agency a Cooperative Endeavor should be in place. All members agreed and a Cooperative Endeavor will be prepared between PARD and Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court.

Stevens stated that six out of seven estimates for security cameras are in for review. A final decision will be made after all estimates have been received.

Martin gave the Athletic Coordinator's report submitted by Tisha Smith. Ponchatoula Youth Baseball/Softball season began April 11th. T-Ball, Coach Pitch and girls 13-18 will begin April 25th. Boy's ages 15-19 can still register. Upcoming events include Tai Chi classes in the events building on Mondays at 5:30 pm. Tangipahoa Parish Library presented a reading program on May 14th at Pavilion #1. USBA Basketball Camp on May 21-22 for ages 5-19 boys and girls. Adult basketball will begin games on Wed nights, June 1. Ponchatoula Youth Football, Sponsor-Sports camp will take place in June, for any athlete who wants to work on speed, strength, agility and conditioning. Fee is \$10 with t-shirt and lunch included. June 13-16 PHS Lady Waves Basketball Camp for ages 5-12 boys and girls.

Fletcher discussed PHS Volleyball and Basketball use of the gym for practice during end of May through June 30th. One court needed for volleyball in the morning and basketball in the afternoons. Fletcher will coordinate with Martin to schedule dates and to renew the cooperative endeavor with PHS. Basketball summer leagues will play on Tuesday and Thursdays night during June and July.

Fletcher reported Spectrum Business paid for all construction cost to bring fiber optics into the park. A few more pieces will be switched before new service is fully operational for phone and internet with a monthly cost saving.

Rocquin discussed and Eagle Boy Scouts project for PARD by his grandson. The plan consist of a donation of approximately 2,000 Iris's to be planted around the pond. At this time the plan in being written and will require approval before implementation.

Rocquin discussed charge for security officer on duty for rental events in the park. Rental agreements need to include the cost of security during the event. A security officer will be required for all paid events in the gym and competitive events with field rentals. Motion was made by Fletcher for a clause to be included in all rental agreements, stating a minimum of one (1) security officer for events across the park and a charge for two (2) security officers at events where alcohol is being served and for competitive events with field rentals. It will be at the discretion of park manager as to what is a competitive event. Motion was seconded by Palmer and all board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

Board members and management team are invited to attend the Government Consultant's annual crawfish boil sponsored by Jim Ryan at Carter Plantation. Rocquin ask board to RSVP to Stevens or Martin.

Kennedy requested a leave of absence from board duties for the months of August through October of 2016. Kennedy may be out of the country and unavailable to attend meetings during this time. Rocquin granted the leave as an excused absence from the board.

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 7:56 pm.