

PONCHATOULA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD

The PARD # 1 held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2016. Rocquin called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Ronnie Rocquin, Terry Byers, Greg Fletcher, Rogers Kennedy

Absent: Eldrid Palmer

Guest: Joyce Wheeler, Jacob Stevens

Rocquin asked to allow guest, Joyce Wheeler of the Natural Living Festival, move up on the agenda to allow her to leave at her convenience.

Joyce Wheeler, natural living researcher, blogger and publisher of It's Your Life Magazine, discussed the possibility of a Natural Living Festival at PARD in the Fall of 2016. The festival would be a one day event with approximate 50 vendors promoting natural living. This would be the first Natural Living Festival in Louisiana. Wheeler and Stevens will meet in the near future to tour the park and discuss possible locations for the vendors.

After reviewing the May 26, 2016 regular meeting minutes, Fletcher 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 review 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 reported baseball season is wrapping up for the 2016 season. More bass were added to the pond and feeders are up and running. The price update on security cameras from Tommy's Lock and Alarm is less than originally projected due to reuse of some cameras and wire already in place. Wire will need to be placed out to the pier and the Events Building. Rocquin confirm money to complete the project is in capital outlay budget.

Rocquin discussed ice cream truck will be at Firework Show again this year and a percentage of their sales will be donated to the PHS Band Booster. PHS Band Booster Club will operate concessions again this year for the Firework Show.

Fletcher informed board that Charter Internet, Spectrum Business, is complete and running. One new switch is required and will be purchased out of technology budget. iPads will be supplied to all board members, except Fletcher. All board documents, records and minutes will be delivered electronically to members.

Rocquin discussed rental of the gym for the Albany High School Homecoming Dance. It would be an out-of-district rental and price would vary in accordance to number of courts, type of dance floor, use of concession stand, and hours of the rental. Rocquin ask Stevens to crunch numbers and get back to staff with a price quote for Albany High School.

Chairman reported PHS volleyball practice in the morning in the gym and the adult co-ed basketball league will start next week. Team captains of adult basketball will meet on Monday night in the conference room and have access to the gym that night. Allowing for one practice before the season games begin on Wednesday.

Rocquin discussed signage for the park. The "No" sign rules and regulations will be placed at the trail head. An additional sign will be made to go next to sign at entrance to park.

Rocquin discussed 4th of July Firework Show. No money is made off the Annual Firework show. Music will be provided by a DJ from Dr. Ted's Musician's Center. Boy Scouts Troop 170 will perform the flag raising ceremony at 6:00 p.m. and lower the flag at dark just before firework begin. Sponsors will be given guest passes and parking passes to enter the pavilion area. The gate between pavilion II and park area will remain lock to keep participants inside pavilion area. No passing from pavilion to park area due to safety reasons and recommendation of the Fire Marshall. Food will be provided by Star Power Equipment.

Fields are looking good, clay has been delivered. Pavilion II rental agreement is being restructured. Agreement will be regular rental agreement or corporate event agreement. Corporate agreements will limit the number of inflatables allowed and put a cap on the number of table and chairs included in the rental. Stevens discussed how the pavilion II is very busy, requiring more man power resulting in the need for the re-evaluation.

Fletcher 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 7:29 p.m.

Ronnie Rocquin, Chairman

Charlotte Martin, Board Secretary