

PONCHATOULA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD

The PARD # 1 held a regular meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2017. Rocquin called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Byers, Kennedy, Rocquin

Absent: Fletcher, Palmer

Guest: J. Stevens, C. Baker, R Belvin

Ronnie Rocquin asked to begin the meeting with Basketball under Old Business to allow Cathy Baker and Ray Belvin to leave after giving an update on the program. Baker reported 2018 Basketball season opens January 5, 2018 and run for a 10 week period. Basketball will have one walk-in registration this season. Out of District fee will be collected at registration for participants who live outside the district. Sports program will be notified of money collected for out of district fee and money will be used for operating of the particular sport. Baker request basketball concession be allow to serve Nacho instead of fries.

Rocquin called for 15 minute recess. Meeting reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

After review of the June 20, 2017 regular meeting minutes, Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Byers 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, Byers made motion to accept the financial review report. Kennedy seconded the motion and all board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

Rocquin introduced revised draft copy of PARD handbook. Discussed revisions for holidays, drug testing, and rules for insubordination. Rocquin asked board members and Stevens to review entire handbook and address concerns or questions to Drake. Handbook will be implemented after review of the draft and board agree upon revised policies and procedures. Rocquin proposed for an additional handbook to be developed for board chairman and commissions for board by-laws, policy and procedures

Annual Financial Statements for year-end December 31, 2016 from James, Lambert, Riggs and Associates were distributed to members. Rocquin assured members financial are good.

Rocquin thanked board members for their help with the 2017 Firework Show. Summarized events and announced A+ rating from the Fire Marshall for security and safety. Rocquin suggested to condense shots into a 20 minute show next year. Byers discussed a formal

invitation to be extended to prior board members. Board agreed to invite all formal board members personally and issue 5 park passes to the Firework Show for next year.

Martin gave the Athletic Coordinator's report submitted to her by Tisha Smith. Registration is now open for Ponchatoula Youth Softball, Youth Baseball and Volleyball and will close August 28, 2017. Ponchatoula Youth Football practices will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Jamboree is scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2017. The Ponchatoula Adult Basketball season ends August 9, 2017. Starting Wednesday, August 2, 2017 open court Adult Pickleball will be available on Monday and Wednesday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pickleball is currently the fastest growing sport for adults 40 and over. It has been a life changer for a lot of people who have played tennis or racquet ball, but can no longer play those games due to knee, elbow and shoulder injuries. PARD will provide rackets and balls and limit court use to one hour. Pickle is offered for adults 18 years and older. Participants are to sign in at the office.

Stevens reported gym basketball goals were inspected by Hana Enterprises. The inspection recommended straps be replaced on two goals at this time. Hana will furnish and install safety straps within the next few weeks. Discussed score boards upgrade for 2 football and 8 baseball fields. Scoreboard upgrade to LED with wireless receivers and new wireless controls would cost approximately \$6,000 each. New equipment can be mounted on existing steel beams and will be 10 ft. by 8ft in size. Gold Sponsor sign will be replaced with new scoreboards. Kennedy make a motion to replace all 10 scoreboard with the total cost capped at \$70,000. Byers seconded the motion and all board members present were in favor and the motion passed. Stevens confirmed it is an upgrade to the park and will be energy efficient. Operating budget will be revised to allow for purchase. Discussed broken concrete at the front complex and the options to solve the problem. Stevens emphasized money would be well spent to fix problem of uneven concrete. Drainage project of baseball complex is ongoing. Bids are requested for a standalone gym with double courts and bathrooms.

Rocquin stated future plan are for a concrete backstop behind each baseball fields.

Byers 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 8:20 p. m.

Ronnie Rocquin, Chairman

Charlotte Martin, Secretary