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**SULPHUR PARKS AND RECREATION**

**REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**Held at the SPAR Recreation and Aquatic Center Multipurpose Room**

**933 W. Parish Road Sulphur, LA 70663**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of Sulphur Parks & Recreation met on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, for the regular scheduled session, in the multipurpose room at SPAR Recreation and Aquatic Center in Sulphur, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order and a roll call was taken; Board members present were: Doug Como, Mitch Bowers, David Couvillon, and Johnny Stanley; Tina Brown was absent.

The minutes from February 19, 2019 regular board meeting were presented and approved as written through a motion by Mr. Bowers, second by Mr. Stanley, and carried.

The financial statements for February 2019 were presented and approved through a motion by Mr. Bowers, second by Mr. Como, and carried. The director, Mr. Gayfield, commented that revenues and expenses were as expected, while aquatic and recreation expenses are slightly elevated due to repairs to chillers and fencing.

The staff requested and was granted on a motion by Mr. Bowers, second by Mr. Stanley, and carried, permission to advertise and place for Public Bid for Infield Artificial Turf of Five (5) Fields, North Frasch Complex Fields #19 & #20, Pattison Complex Field #1, #2, #4, add Alternates may include safety surfacing and/or re-turfing fields at McMurry Park Complex. This project is a 2019 Budget funded item with estimated approximate cost of \$1,250,000, plus applicable Architect fees. Mr. Gayfield explained the project was bid out prior to his tenure but was not accepted at that time. This project would complete the turfing of fields at Pattison and North Frasch. Shock Pad is being researched to reduce concussion threat, and with conversation with architect, applying the product to the foul areas is a consideration. The board was advised that McMurry field 41 is near end of life and will need to be resurfaced soon. Mr. Bowers inquired as to the frequency of concussions reported and if there was a better infill product to assist with concussion protection. Mr. Gayfield presented several options available as infill such as sand, sand/rubber mix, or even an organic material now available created from pine waste. Mr. Gayfield stated the subsurface pad and infill work in different ways, but can not be used in place of one another. Mr. Couvillon asked about league or organization requirements for the safety of fields. The director stated he had not received any requests or feedback about surface requirements. Concerns were expressed about the possibility of buckling or shifting of the subsurface. Mr. Gayfield stated he would inquire but that he understood it was a relatively stable surface. The life of the turf and shock pad are understood to be equivalent. Mr. Bowers asked about the effectiveness of turfing outfield as well. Mr. Gayfield explained that the rough numbers were \$600-\$700K for whole field versus \$200k for infield only driving the cost of the project up significantly.

The Director was granted permission to submit and execute cooperative endeavor request for grant funding opportunities as provided for by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for the field turf project proposed as outlined above (Agenda Item #3), on a motion by Mr. Bowers, second by Mr. Como, and carried. The funding stems from the desire of CPPJ to provide support to SPAR similar to what was done for the Power Centre in Lake Charles. The funding acts as a reimbursement for expenses.

The staff requested permission to advertise and place for Public Bid – Replacement of Two Chiller Units for the Recreation and Aquatic Center. Project estimated approximate cost of \$250k-\$300k, plus applicable Architect fees. Mr. Gayfield presented information on the condition and life span of existing chillers including that one is currently down. Due to the end of life for the chillers, it is requested to replace both units. Mr. Couvillon inquired about the best most efficient technology for the facilities needs and was told that per architect and engineer advice, new chillers are the best solution for the situation. Following discussion, the board granted permission on a motion by Mr. Como, second by Mr. Bowers, and carried.

Following review and discussion, the board adopted the amended alcohol policy and designated sites for Sulphur Parks and Recreation (SPAR) as presented by staff on a motion by Mr. Como, second by Mr. Stanley, and carried. A roll call was called with the following votes: Yeas – Mr. Como, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Couvillon, Mr. Stanley; Mrs. Brown was absent.

#### Notifications to the Board

The staff provided Board with the Alcohol Service Guidelines, detailing how staff and facility patrons will adhere to local and state laws and SPAR policies as they relate to alcoholic beverages.

Notice to Proceed for the contractor, Trahan Construction who was awarded the contract for the New Golf Course Irrigation System at the February 2019 Board meeting. Project is set to begin March 18, 2019, with completion date of September 14, 2019 per contract.

#### Notification of the Recreation Sports schedule for Try-Outs & Drafts


- Try-Outs for Coach Pitch (ages 7-8 Boys & Girls) – March 25, 2019 (no Try-outs for Wee Ball & T-Ball).
- Draft for Wee Ball, T-Ball, & Coach Pitch – March 27, 2019


#### Notification to the Board of upcoming SPAR and Community Events

- USSSA State Baseball Tourney – Mar. 23-24, 2019 (*Pattison Park*)
- Spring Fling Golf Tournament – Mar. 23, 2019 (*Frasch Golf Course*)
- Swim-A-Thon – Mar. 23, 2019 (*Aquatic Center*) hosted by SHS Beta Club.
- Fideaux Field "Opening Day of Baseball" Celebration–Sat. Mar. 30, 2019 (*Fideaux Fld Dog Park*)
- SPAR Sand Volleyball "Can You Dig It" – Sat. Mar. 30, 2019 (*Frasch Sand Volleyball Courts*)
- MLB Pitch, Hit, & Run Program (Mon. Apr. 1, 2019 5pm-8pm (*McMurry Fld #37 & #38*) hosted by Sulphur Kiwanis Club)
- SPAR's Rec. Baseball Opening Weekend-Apr.4-6, 2019 (*McMurry Park*)
- SPAR's Rec. Softball Opening Weekend-Apr.4-6, 2019 (*Pattison Park*)
- Frasch Men's Golf Association Tournament – Apr. 6-7, 2019 (*Frasch Golf Course*)
- SPAR's Recreation Baseball/Softball Season begins – Apr. 8, 2019 (*SPAR Baseball/Softball Facilities*)
- SHS Band – Jazz @ The Grove – Fri. Apr. 12, 2019 (*The Grove*)
- Free Junior Golf Clinic – Sat. Apr. 13, 2019 (*Frasch Golf Course*)

All business taken care of, motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Como, and carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

  
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Approved (Board Member)

  
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Attested