



SULPHUR PARKS AND RECREATION (SPAR)
Regular Board of Commissioners Meetings
Held at the SPAR Recreation and Aquatic Center Multipurpose Room
933 W. Parish Road, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663
Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 5:30 PM

The Board of Commissioners of Sulphur Parks and Recreation (SPAR) met at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, in the multipurpose room at SPAR Recreation and Aquatic Center in Sulphur, Louisiana for a regular scheduled board meeting. The meeting was called to order and a roll call was taken. Board members present were Doug Como, David Devall, Mike Boyette, David Couvillon, and Len Lemelle.

The minutes from the August 16, 2022, board meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Couvillon, seconded by Mr. Como, and carried.

On a motion by Mr. Couvillon, seconded by Mr. Lemelle, and carried, the minutes from the September 8, 2022, special board meeting were approved as presented.

Financial statements for August 2022 were presented by Ms. Koelzer with the statement that all expenses and revenues were as expected, but that staff expected to present end of year adjustments. Financials were approved on a motion by Mr. Couvillon, seconded by Mr. Devall, and carried.

The board, on a motion by Mr. Como, seconded by Mr. Couvillon, and carried, approved staff recommendation to accept low quotes received for 2022 budget funded item: Various Strength Machines from Fitness Expo at the price of \$20,795.00 and eight (8) Spinner Chrono Spin Bikes from Mad Dogg Athletics at the price of \$26,350.00.

On a motion by Mr. Couvillon, seconded by Mr. Devall, and carried, the board moved Agenda Item 7 – Notifications before Agenda Items 5 & 6 to allow additional time for Mr. Chad Danos of DDG to arrive and prepare to present the Master Plan for Center Circle Park redesign.

Notifications -

- a) Notice to proceed was provided for Center Circle Pool & Pool House demolition to begin September 19, 2022. Quotes were received as listed below and contract was awarded to D&G Construction:

Bidder	License #	Base Bid – Pool House	Alt #1 – Pool, Deck, and Backfill	Total
D&G Construction	39966	[\$29,600.00]	[\$93,990.00]	[\$123,590.00]
Gunter Construction, Inc.	41469	\$26,300.00	\$112,610.00	\$138,910.00

- b) Change order(s) on the Hurricane Laura repair/improvement projects awarded to Gunter Construction were presented to board for the McMurry – Phase II & Pattison Park Project

- 1) Change Order #4 - \$8,642.02 – McMurry Quad - Labor and material to remove score table canopies and add vinyl soffit to Press Box/Concession Stand.
- 2) Change Order #5 - \$38,867.46 – McMurry and Pattison Restroom improvements – Removing rafters, temporary metal sheeting, plywood decking, plywood interior, brick chimney, exhaust, and duct work. Adding permanent roof material and painting interior.

- c) Sports and Facilities Manual review meeting was announced as scheduled for October 6, 2022.

The master plan for the Center Circle Park redesign was presented by Mr. Chad Danos of Duplantis Design Group. The plan was presented in three phases with the first phase including a splash pad, playground improvements, and a public restroom to be installed in 2023. Other phases will see the installation of a new zero entry pool with accompanying pool house, a recreation facility allowing for community events, shade pavilions, expanded sidewalks, and updated landscaping. Ms. Katie Pleasant of 412 N Trailwood, Sulphur, LA verified that the existing basketball pavilion would remain and would receive a minor facelift. She asked for clarification on why the pool included lane lines for competition. Mr. Danos stated that it was a return to existing amenities allowing the summer swim league to continue to use the Center Circle Pool for their season. Mr. Devall commented that the intent was to provide a facility that would be capable of meeting changing needs. Ms. Pleasant expressed concern for the cost to install a new pool when an existing pool could possibly be improved. Staff explained that rough estimates to convert the existing structure as compared to installing a new pool was only 20k. Mr. Danos stated that the substantial documentation provided by the pool contractors to retrofit and bring to code the existing pool included multiple exclusions due to unknowns and the expectation was that the price tag to retrofit would only grow as the project progressed and more information became available. Mr. Danny Dipetta of 5098 Bonin Drive, Sulphur, LA expressed his desire that indoor fitness space be included in the rec center. Mr. Danos stated that the space had not yet been completely programmed but that it could be considered. Ms. Koelzer expressed a willingness to consider all requests for the space, but that SPAR's priority was to return the rental space to the community for use for birthday parties, reunions, etc. Mr. Dipetta reiterated his request for access to a wellness facility on the east side of town. Ms. Tara Warner of 215 Quelqueshue St, Sulphur, LA spoke to bring attention to the need for accessibility. She commented that if it is accessible for wheels, it is accessible for everyone. She stated that she appreciated the improvements that were presented but felt the need to highlight that features must have navigable paths for wheel bound individuals to utilize the improvements. Ms. Johnnie Pleasant asked who dictated the order of improvements as the community priority was to have a pool as soon as possible. It was explained that the construction timeline on the pool was not possible to be available in time for the 2023 season and the compromise was to expedite providing a water feature in the form of a splashpad.

On a motion by Mr. Couvillon, seconded by Mr. Devall, and carried, the master plan for Center Circle Park redesign was adopted as presented.

Following recommendation from Ms. Koelzer, the board, on a motion by Mr. Couvillon, seconded by Mr. Devall and carried established a 5.5 million budget for the Center Circle Park redesign, with additional funds to be made available as needed pending future board action. The board requested that all phases run parallel to achieve costs savings and synergy in construction. Ms. Koelzer shared that staff was pursuing potential funding opportunities through a FEMA program that funds rebuilds / improvements to buildings that were deemed a total loss from Hurricane Laura.

On a motion by Mr. Como, seconded by Mr. Devall, following a unanimous roll call vote as reflected below, the board entered executive session at 6:32 pm to discuss legal matters concerning civil suits as listed below. The roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS (5) Como, Devall, Boyette, Couvillon, Lemelle
NAYS (0)
ABSTAIN (0)
ABSENT (0)

- a. Debra Meaux v. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburg, PA, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, and Sulphur Parks & Recreation, C.A. No. 2022-2907 (14)DC, Calcasieu Parish)
- b. Kevin Dennis v. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburg, PA, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, and Sulphur Parks & Recreation, C.A. No. 2022-2906 (14)DC, Calcasieu Parish)

Regular session was resumed at roughly 7:10 pm on a motion by Mr. Devall, seconded by Mr. Lemelle, and carried following a roll call vote as follows: *(Mr. Couvillon left the meeting at 6:55 pm)*

YEAS (4) Como, Devall, Boyette, Lemelle
NAYS (0)
ABSTAIN (0)
ABSENT (1) Couvillon

On a motion by Mr. Como, seconded by Mr. Devall, and carried following a roll call vote as follows, the board adopted to preserve the prohibition against jury trials in litigation against Sulphur Parks and Recreation (formerly known as Community Center and Playground District Number Two of Ward Four of Calcasieu Parish) a political subdivision in accordance with La. R.S. 13:5105. *(Board deferred action during September 8, 2022, special board meeting and requested staff to seek additional information)*

YEAS (3) Como, Boyette, Lemelle
NAYS (1) Devall
ABSTAIN (0)
ABSENT (1) Couvillon

Upcoming Events:

- "Wednesday After Work"- 5:30pm Sept. 21 – Oct. 19, 2022 (Frasch Golf Course)
- Sulphur High Swim Team Relay Meet - 5:30pm Thurs., Sept. 22, 2022 (Recreation & Aquatic Center)
- Mac Burns/ WCCH Benefit Golf Tournament - 8:00am Fri., Sept. 23, 2022 (Frasch Golf Course)
- Chaos Theory Art Show – ongoing display until Sat., Nov. 5, 2022 (Henning Cultural Center)
- SPAR Recreation Football & Volleyball game scheduling meeting - 5:30pm Wed., Sept 21, 2022 (Frasch Rec Room)
- SPAR Recreation Volleyball official's clinic - 5:30pm Thur., Sept. 22, 2022 (Frasch Rec Room)
- SPAR Recreation Football Jamboree - Sat., Sept. 24, 2022 (SHS football stadium)
- SPAR Recreation Football season begins - Mon., Sept. 26, 2022 (Carlyss Park & SHS football stadium)
- Sulphur High Swim Team TOR Invitational - 9:00am Sat., Oct. 1, 2022 (Recreation & Aquatic Center)
- SPAR Recreation Volleyball season begins - Mon., Oct. 3, 2022 (Frasch gym, McMurry gym, Carlyss gym)
- SPAR Recreation Basketball registration begins - Mon., Oct. 3, 2022 (Frasch Park- Sports office)
- SPAR Swim Lessons - Mon., Oct. 3 - Wed., Oct. 26, 2022 (Recreation & Aquatic Center)
- Waterpark Workouts - 4:00pm - 6:30pm Mon., Oct. 3 – Thur., Oct. 27, 2022 (SPAR Waterpark)
- USSSA Fall Baseball Tournament - Fri., Oct. 7 & Sat., Oct. 8, 2022 (Pattison Park & North Frasch Complex)
- Sulphur City Championship - Sat., Oct. 8 - Sun., Oct. 9, 2022 (Frasch Golf Course)
- Yoga at the Henning House – 10:00am Sat., Oct. 8, 2022; 4:30pm Tues., Oct. 15 & 25, 2022 (Henning Cultural Center)
- Ghoul Games - 8:00am-12:00pm Tues., Oct. 11, 2022 (Recreation & Aquatic Center)
- Member Appreciation Gumbo - 11:00am – 1:00pm Wed., Oct. 12, 2022 (Recreation & Aquatic Center)
- SPAR Arts & Recreation Art class - 10:00am-11:30am Sat., Oct. 15, 2022 (Recreation & Aquatic Center)
- Frasch MGA Championship & Renewal - Sat., Oct. 15 – Sun., Oct. 16, 2022 (Frasch Golf Course)

All business taken care of, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Devall, seconded by Mr. Como, and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.



Approved (Board Member)



Attested