



SULPHUR PARKS AND RECREATION (SPAR)
Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting
Held at the SPAR Recreation and Aquatic Center Multipurpose Room
933 W. Parish Road Sulphur, LA 70663
Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 5:30 pm

The Board of Commissioners of Sulphur Parks and Recreation (SPAR) met at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the multipurpose room at SPAR Recreation & Aquatic Center in Sulphur, Louisiana for the regularly 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.

Mr. Boyette recognized Mr. Charles Schrupf as a representative of the Wall of Honor Committee and opened the floor for the 2023 presentation of the Wall of Honor inductee. Mr. Schrupf gave a brief history on the purpose of the Wall of Honor and then announced Rhoda Prince as the 2023 inductee. Mr. Schrupf shared the nomination letter written by Rhoda's sisters that included the story of how Rhoda was recruited from the stands when a scorekeeper did not show up to a game, the rest is history! Rhoda spent the next 30 years scorekeeping every chance she could until a combination of health issues and the COVID pandemic forced her to put up her pencil. The Prince family accepted the plaque on behalf of Rhoda who sadly passed away in August of 2022. After comments from the Prince sisters, a short recess was called for the family to take photos and share stories.

Recess from 5:45 pm to 5:57 pm to commemorate the Wall of Honor.

On a motion by Mr. Couvillon, seconded by Mr. Lemelle, and carried, the board approved the minutes as presented for the April 18, 2023, regular board meeting.

Ms. Koelzer presented the financial statements for April 2023 stating that all revenues and expenses were within budget with the Golf Course exceeding expectations. Financials were accepted as presented on a motion by Mr. Como, seconded by Mr. Devall, and carried.

Notifications -

- a) Center Circle Restroom Building and Large Picnic Pavilion is out for Public Bid and will open on June 6th, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.
- b) Staff provided updates on the following Hurricane Repair/Improvement projects:
 - Center Circle – Ms. Koelzer stated the splashpad was underway, but that the contractor was experiencing delays due to availability of materials. The splashpad surfacing is experiencing significant delays. After the splashpad is completed, the order for other amenities will be the restroom building and large picnic pavilion, followed by the playground, then the pool & pool house, with the recreation building being the last item to be constructed. Ms. Koelzer shared that the playground was in the concept/design phase where she and staff are working with DDG to select pieces of equipment that will integrate with existing playground pieces. Ms. Koelzer expressed her disappointment in the lack of urgency being shown by the Architect to expedite the three items included in the first phase (splashpad, restroom, and playground) with the agreement to have the splashpad available for the community to enjoy by June 2023 and followed by restroom and playground for 2023. The Board also expressed concerns of the timeliness' on this project and may require review of Contract if progress doesn't improve.
 - Carlyss – Ms. Koelzer shared that construction is at 90% completion with backstop fencing and football lighting being the only remaining items. The esthetics have been much improved with all the paint now matching and blending the older facilities to the newer areas of the park, and the addition of HVAC installed in the Gymnasium will allow for year-round use for a variety of recreation. Substantial completion is expected in June 2023.

- Kyle Street – Construction/repairs have been delayed due to permitting issues, but those issues are expected to be resolved soon. An additional engineering report was provided for review and architect, Mr. EJ Ellender expects that to satisfy the authorities and allow the project to resume. The contractor is continuing to work with focus being placed on the interior of the recreation building with redesign of the rec room and concessions area.
- c) SPAR’s 2023 Waterpark season kicks off with Sulphur Residents Only Weekend – Sat. May 20th & Sun. May 21st, 2023.
- d) Staff provided overview of the 2023 LHSAA State Championships Events:
- Softball Championships - April 28-29, 2023 (40 Teams, 2-day event) with 11,962 attendees
 - Baseball Championships - May 9-13, 2023 (40 Teams, 5-day event) with 20,201 attendees.
- e) Make a Splash Tour - \$2000 donation received from USA Swimming Foundation – Presented by Phillips 66.
- f) Notice of SPAR’s July 19, 2022, Regular Board Meeting will include Adoption of Property Tax Millage rate for 2023.
- g) Upcoming Events -
- CCOA Rock’n our Golden Years – 9 am-1 pm, Wed, May 17th (Rec & Aq Center)
 - MLB Pitch Hit & Run (with Kiwanis Club of Sulphur) – May 18th (McMurry Park)
 - ARC Lifeguard Review course – Session E – Fri-Sat, May 19-20th (Rec & Aq Center)
 - Governor’s Games (7u-14u) – Sat-Sun, May 20-21st (Pattison & N Frasch)
 - ARC Lifeguard Training course – Session VIII - May 25-27th (Rec & Aq Center)
 - Sulphur Tor Football Scramble – Fri, May 26th (Frasch Golf Course)
 - SHS Baseball Camp – Tues-Thurs, May 30th–June 1st (McMurry Flds 40 & 41)
 - USSSA Super State Tournament – Fri-Sun, June 2-4th (Pattison Park)
 - History of Baseball Exhibit – Sat, June 3rd (Henning Cultural Center)
 - Junior Golf Camp – Tues-Thurs, June 6-8th (Frasch Golf Course)
 - SHS Softball Camp – Wed-Thurs, June 7-8th (North Frasch Softball Complex)
 - 3-Club Challenge – Sat, June 9th (Frasch Golf Course)
 - Shannon Suarez/Bubby Saucier Memorial Golf Tournament – Fri, June 9th (Frasch Golf Course)
 - USSSA State Championships – Fri-Sun, June 9-11th (Pattison Park)
 - SPAR’s Summer Sports Adventure Camp – June 12-16th (Frasch Park)
 - Ladies Golf Clinic – Tues, June 13th (Frasch Golf Course)
 - Bayou Junior Golf Tour – Thurs, June 15th (Frasch Golf Course)
 - Jennie Finch World Series – Thurs-Sun, June 15-18th (North Frasch & Pattison)
 - SPAR’s Summer Sports Adventure Camp – June 26-30th (Carlyss Park)

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Approved (Board Member)

Attested