# St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #6

# Johnny F Smith Memorial Park

Michael Michel, Chairman Mark Files, Treasurer

Justin Adams Dennis Franco

Mike Saladino Shonti Vial

## Minutes from March 3, 2024

Opening:

Called to order at 6:00 pm at STPRD 6 83462 Hwy 1129 Covington, La 70435 by Mike Michel, board member.

Roll Call of board members:

Justin Adams - Absent

Mark Files – Present

Dennis Franco - Present

Shonti Vial – Present

Mike Michel – Present

Mike Saladino – Absent

Open seat

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Shonti Vial to approve previous minutes of Dec. 18, 2023 and second by Dennis Franco. Minutes approved.

Financial report: Bridget discussed the current YTD financial reports. She reported as of March 3rd we had $234,164.05 in bank. There has been no changes to 2024 budget as we just started the year. Motion made to approve by Shonti Vial and second by Dennis Franco. Financial report approved

**New Business**:

**Baseball/softball registration**:

Bridget informed all present that baseball/softball registration is completed and we have a total of 30 teams from t-ball through 15U. Opening day will be Saturday, April 13th. We will have opening ceremonies and a homerun derby on Friday, April 12th to kick off the season.

**Basketball court vandalism:**

 On Dec. 27, 2023 Mikey observed a teenage boy climbing on the basketball goal. He asked him to get down. After he got down the boy and friend started through basketballs at the backboard as hard as they could. The backboard was shattered. Mikey informed Bridget of the incident and she called the STPSO and a report was filed. Bridget and Mikey knew the names of both of the boys involved. The boys were arrested and the DA office reached out and Bridget requested that the boys be offered the diversion program with counselling and damages be paid. The father of one of boys reached out to Bridget and offered to pay for the damages and requested that the boy do community service. Bridget advised him that she would have to get with the board. After discussion the board decided to stand behind original decision of the diversion program, counseling and damages be paid through the DA office.

**Old Business:**

**Security Cameras**

Bridget brought another quote from a local security camera company to the board. The quote was for $10,000, this includes installation, 11 cameras plus a license plate camera. NO contracts. The board agrees that we need a better system with more cameras and asked Bridget to get one more quote.

**Well chlorination system and testing**

 Bridget has been working with Water Works to get the chlorination system installed per LDH requirements. The issue is that we do not want to chlorinate the irrigation system. To save money the board asked for Bridget to take the test to become a certified operator to do the daily testing and reporting. Bridget informed the board after research that the test is not easy and she would be prefer to pay an operator. The board members present asked Bridget to contact the LDH and find out if we could reapply for a new permit since we no longer had the water fountains and that the chlorination system was not installed prior to the park opening in 2009. Bridget will contact LDH.

**LED lights:**

Bridget informed the board that after talking to the electrician that it would be best that we change the lights on two fields at a time since we will need to pay for a lift truck. Bridget will check and see if WST can change the lights and she will also research the cost of the lights.

Mike Michel moved to adjourn meeting at 6:45pm 2nd by Shonti Vial.

Meeting adjourned