# St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #6

# Johnny F Smith Memorial Park

Michael Michel, Chairman Mark Files, Treasurer

Justin Adams Angela Hord

Mike Saladino Shonti Vial

Dennis Franco

## Minutes from June 19, 2024

Call to order: Board Members present included Justin Adams, Shonti Vial, Mark Files, Dennis Franco and Michael Michel. Absent – Angela Hord and Mike Saladino.

Visitors/speakers: Richard Bentley-Smith and Grant Schuelter

Approval of April 21, 2024 minutes –Motion by Justin Adams and 2nd Shonti Vial

Approval of financial report - Motion by Shonti Vial and 2nd Justin Adams.

**New Business**:

New construction: Richard Bentley-Smith, Executive Director of Coquille Recreation, Rec. Dist 14 spoke to the board on policies and procedures that we need to follow to move forward with any capital projects. He explained the need to make sure we have adequate parking available, the need for a master plan, getting a landscape architect and engineer. He advised on using the LRPA to assist in guidance with grants and financing. Parking lot should be big enough for 30 cars per field and we must make sure we are in compliant with ADA for handicap parking. He spoke on suggestions for how to build a gym the most economical way and how we can upgrade as we go. We need to get with our politicians that represent our area on the need of a gym.

New gym proposal: Grant Schuelter with Foley and Judell law firm spoke on our bonds. Our current bonds will be paid off in 2027. The Parish Tax Assessor’s office stated that we would need to reduce our bond millage that we collect. Grant explained why we need to that and what our options would be. He explained that we can adopt to keep it as is and then go on the ballot in May for the voters to approve to renew the bond millage and we would receive approx. $2.1 million at that time to be used toward capital projects. Grant and Richard both explained that we could go back to the voters every 4yrs to renew bond millage and we could continue with capital projects.

**Adoption of Milleage**: The 1st resolution for the adoption of the Operation and Maintenance Milleage to roll back per Parish Assessor office to 5.56 mils. No public comments.

Voted by Roll Call:

Yeas: Mark Files, Shonti Vial, Michael Michel, Justin Adams and Dennis Franco

Nays: Zero

Abstained: Zero

Absent: Angela Hord and Mike Saladino

The 2nd resolution is for the adoption of the Bond milleage to remain at 4.75 mils. Instead of rolling back to 3.5mils. Board voted to move forward with go to voters in May 2025 for renewal of bonds. No public comments were made.

Voted by Roll Call:

Yeas: Mark Files, Shonti Vial, Michael Michel, Justin Adams and Dennis Franco

Nays: Zero

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**LRPA update:**

Bridget paid her membership to the LRPA(Louisiana Recreation and Parks) and will attend the conference in November. By being a member, we now have access to grant opportunities and services at pro bono or discounted rates.

**Solar Panel Farm:**

Matthew Melancon was supposed to come and speak on behalf Louisiana Propery Acquistion Company on them using parts of our property to put the feeder towers for the solar panel farm. Matthew called Bridget on Tuesday and informed her that at this time they would not be moving forward and he would not attend the meeting.

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**Old Business:**

**Security Camera update**: We are waiting for the electrician to come install all the outlets needed for the cameras.

**LED light update**: Bridget will be ordering LED lights to be able to replace current lights on Field 2 and Field 3. WST will come out and replace them at no charge.

Next board meeting TBD

Adjournment