

**COMMUNITY CENTER AND PLAYGROUND
DISTRICT 4 WARD 1
SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 15th, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Connie Hoffpauir at 6:30pm.

Board Members in attendance: Connie Hoffpauir, Mister Edwards, Bill Sommers, Bill Willis, and Matt Trahan.

In attendance: William Wilcox, Krystan Statum, and Toni Wilcox.

Prayer/Pledge: Prayer was led by Connie Hoffpauir; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by board members.

New Business:

Discuss Capital Planning: Connie explained that the purpose of the meeting was to explore ideas for Capital Planning projects. Background information on the Park's history was shared with the Board to provide context. Bill Sommers inquired whether an architect had been brought in to assist with developing a potential master plan for the facilities. It was noted that while a master plan had been completed in the past, there is not a current version in place. The Board discussed the importance of contributing ideas, removing outdated items, and prioritizing projects within the Capital Spending Plan.

Toni provided the Board with a list of the Recreation Leagues request/suggestions. Temperature controlled storage was requested by Moss Bluff Little League & Moss Bluff Youth Football League. The possible options discussed were allowing MBLL to use a room connected to the concession for storage or building a climate-controlled storage with multiple bays to accommodate the Leagues.

Bill Willis emphasized that spectator awnings and bleachers are a top priority. Toni presented a comparison of fabric versus metal awnings. After discussion and consideration of all factors, the Board agreed that metal awnings offer a more sustainable long-term solution due to their durability, low maintenance requirements, and ability to withstand harsh weather conditions, making them well-suited for the Park's needs.

Moss Bluff Little League requested the addition of lighting in the playground areas. Toni noted that she has contacted Musco Lighting to explore the possibility of adding lights to the existing poles near the playground.

Moss Bluff Little League also requested the installation of a double first base. According to Little League rules, all bases must be breakaway; while a double first base is not required, if used, it must also be breakaway and not anchored. Toni presented the Board with a quote from BSN Sports for a breakaway double first base at \$640.00 per base. After discussion, the Board decided not to move forward with the purchase at this time.

Scoreboard requests have been submitted by both Moss Bluff Little League (MBLL) and Moss Bluff Youth Football (MBYF). A quote from Daktronics for baseball/softball scoreboards was presented to the Board, estimating costs between \$5,200 and \$6,400 per scoreboard, not including electrical installation. MBYF utilizes two fields during the football season, and a portable scoreboard was purchased last year to support this setup. Toni noted that the League's permanent scoreboard, originally acquired in 2011, is no longer operational, leaving them with only one functional scoreboard for the upcoming season.

Matt inquired about the plans to rebuild Field 6, which is currently configured as two wee-ball fields. Moss Bluff Little League (MBLL) is requesting additional field space and has specifically asked for at least two

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more fields to accommodate their tee ball and coach pitch divisions. The League hosts approximately 30 teams in these age groups each year, requiring around 60 practice time slots per week. Due to limited field availability, many teams are forced to practice in any available grass areas, with some only getting one or two practices on an actual field before the season begins. Following the discussion, it was determined that this matter requires further consideration and will be revisited at a future meeting.

Bill Wills emphasized that resurfacing the fields and upgrading the lighting on Fields 1, 2, and 4 at the Jones Road Complex is a priority. He noted that the installation of Musco Lighting on Fields 3 and 5 in 2022 has been highly beneficial and highlighted the need to update the remaining field lighting. Additionally, after seeing the positive impact of resurfacing the baseball and softball fields, he recommended that resurfacing the soccer and football fields also be considered.

Bill Sommers mentioned the possibility of resurfacing the open-air gym to support both basketball and pickleball use. Bill Wills added that, based on current basketball league participation numbers, resurfacing the gym would greatly benefit the league as well as the community. Toni suggested that updating the lighting in the open-air gym would complement the resurfacing improvements. A similar surface to what was used on the pickleball courts could be applied to the basketball courts.

The Board discussed the possibility of adding additional pickleball courts, as several members have received requests from the community. There was also interest in covered courts; however, it was noted that if lighting is installed, any covering would need to be placed above the lighting system. An alternative suggestion was to consider covered seating areas instead of the courts themselves. The location of any new pickleball courts was identified as a key factor that will require further discussion.

Mister stated our Calcasieu Parish Police Juror for District One, Darby Quinn stated he had requests from our community for a dog park. Discussion about possible location, requirements for a dog park, and concerns were expressed by Board members.

Additional suggestions and ideas were also discussed. Bill Sommers expressed interest in adding covered pavilions at the Jones Road Complex to provide shelter for parents and spectators during inclement weather. Mister recommended installing lights along the walking path and around the playground area to make the complex more welcoming and accessible to the community. Bill Wills suggested exploring the possibility of creating a designated entrance and exit at the Jones Road Complex to improve traffic flow and accessibility. Connie also requested a review and discussion of the rising insurance costs for the facilities and recommended exploring alternative options or providers.

In closing, the Board expressed interest in reviewing a revised Capital Planning list that includes the suggestions discussed during the meeting. Prioritizing these items moving forward will assist in shaping a comprehensive master plan for the Park. Maintaining diverse and inclusive facilities for the community remains a top priority.

***Matt Trahan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mister Edwards.
Motion passed unanimously. 7:53 PM***

Minutes recorded and reported by Krystan Statum.