



CITY OF ANGLETON
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA
120 S. CHENANGO STREET, ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 AT 12:00 PM

Chair | David Heinicke

Members | Erin Boren, Clara Dannhaus, Guadalupe Morales, Luis Leija, Jessica Norris, Gina Pipkins

Youth Member | Addyson Schwarz

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551, THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD FOR CITY OF ANGLETON WILL CONDUCT A MEETING, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, ON MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026, AT 12:00 P.M., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on February 17, 2026.
2. Discussion and possible action to consider removal of Board Member due to attendance.
3. Discussion and possible action on list of recommendations for Parks & Rec Director based on park assessment.

COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I, Jason O'Mara, Executive Director, do hereby certify that this Notice of a Meeting was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and to the City's website, www.angleton.tx.us, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Tuesday, April 7, 2026, by 5:30 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least three business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 4/13/2026

PREPARED BY: Jason O'Mara, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on February 17, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA

FUNDS REQUESTED: NA

FUND: NA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Discuss and consider approving the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on February 17, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks & Recreation Board approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on February 17, 2026.



**CITY OF ANGLETON
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
120 S. CHENANGO STREET, ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 AT 12:00 PM**

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ANGLETON PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING. THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CONVENED IN A MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026, at 12:00 PM., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chairman David Heinicke called the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting to order at 12:00PM.

PRESENT

Erin Boren
Clara Dannhaus
David Heinicke
Jessica Norris
Gina Pipkins

Barbara Simmons – Council Liaison

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on October 14, 2025.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 14, 2025 meeting. Board Member Boren made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Board Member Dannhaus. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. Update and discussion on new Parks Assessment Report.

Director of Parks & Recreation, Jason O’Mara, introduced a new Parks Assessment Tool designed to evaluate park amenities based on safety, condition, and functionality. Staff presented the draft findings from data collected from Board members and staff who participated in a two-day evaluation of park amenities. The Board discussed how this tool will help prioritize maintenance and capital improvements, as well as guide future funding decisions. Members also emphasized the importance of incorporating usage data, ADA considerations, and visual documentation. The Board agreed to work with staff to develop a prioritized list of projects for further discussion at the next meeting.

3. Discussion and possible action on request to name the Lakeside Park Pavilion in honor of Terry Roberts.

Director O'Mara presented a request to name the Lakeside Park Pavilion in honor of Terry Roberts in recognition of his service to the community. After brief discussion, the Board unanimously approved a motion to recommend the naming to City Council for final approval.

4. Discussion and possible action to consider a Parks Memorial Request for installation of a bench and tree at the Officer Cash Memorial Dog Park.

Director O'Mara presented a request to install a memorial bench and tree at the Officer Cash Memorial Dog Park in honor of a living individual, which required a variance from existing policy. After discussion regarding maintenance responsibilities and program guidelines, the Board approved the request unanimously.

5. Update on 2026 Park Projects.

Director O'Mara presented updates on several major capital projects, including the rebid of Abigail Arias Park, ongoing contract negotiations and anticipated construction timeline for the Freedom Park expansion, and funding challenges related to grading improvements at the BG Peck Soccer Complex. Updates were also shared on the Recreation Center natatorium renovation, including progress on pool plaster, painting, slide refurbishment, and installation of a new play feature, with a tentative reopening anticipated in March. Additional updates included the upcoming replacement of the Freedom Park playground, expected to begin installation in April with a temporary closure period, and progress on Bates Park Field #6, which is anticipated to be completed in time for summer programming.

Board members asked several questions regarding project timelines, contractor selection, and upcoming City Council actions, including when contracts for Abigail Arias Park and Freedom Park would be presented for approval. Questions were also raised about project scope, specifically related to Freedom Park, including confirmation that current plans focus on field development without additional amenities such as parking or pedestrian bridge access. The Board discussed future funding opportunities for the Freedom Park pedestrian bridge, including the potential use of grant funding and matching requirements. Additional discussion included the long-term plan for improvements at the BG Peck Soccer Complex, with staff noting that larger-scale improvements may require future bond funding and phased implementation. The Board expressed interest in how funding availability will influence project timing and prioritization moving forward.

COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board members shared feedback from the community, including requests for additional basketball courts, concerns and differing opinions regarding wildscape areas at Lakeside Park,

and interest in future improvements such as a pedestrian bridge at Freedom Park. Positive recognition was also given to staff for maintaining facility cleanliness.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:24 PM

These minutes were approved by the Angleton Parks and Recreation Board on the 13th day of April 2026.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

Jason O'Mara
Director of Parks and Recreation



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 4/13/2026

PREPARED BY: Jason O'Mara, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action to consider removal of a Board Member due to attendance.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA **FUNDS REQUESTED:** NA

FUND: NA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 17-18 of the City of Angleton Code of Ordinances requires active participation from Parks and Recreation Board members. The ordinance states:

“Any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the board without valid excuse, as determined by the board, shall automatically be dismissed from membership.”

Guadalupe Morales was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board in October 2024 but has not attended any scheduled board meetings since the time of appointment. Additionally, staff has not received any communication regarding absences or requests to be excused.

The Board is asked to review the attendance record for Guadalupe Morales and determine whether the absences meet the criteria of “without valid excuse” as outlined in the ordinance.

Consistent attendance is necessary to maintain quorum, ensure effective board operations, and support the Board’s advisory role to the City.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board determine the absences of Guadalupe Morales to be without valid excuse in accordance with Section 17-18 of the City of Angleton Code of Ordinances. Based on this determination, the Board should acknowledge the automatic dismissal and direct staff to notify City Council of the resulting vacancy for appointment of a replacement to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 4/13/2026

PREPARED BY: Jason O'Mara, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on list of recommendations for Parks & Rec Director based on park assessment.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: N/A **FUNDS REQUESTED:** N/A

FUND: N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the direction of the Parks & Recreation Board, members are to develop and present a prioritized list of recommendations to the Parks & Recreation Director based on the findings of the recent Park Assessment. Following the previous Board meeting, Board Member David Heinicke coordinated with staff to compile an initial list of potential park improvement projects derived from assessment results and observed system needs.

Board members were encouraged to visit park sites, evaluate conditions, and consider system-wide priorities in preparation for discussion. This process is intended to ensure recommendations reflect both the assessment data and Board member insight.

The current list of potential projects includes:

- Striping parking lots at multiple parks
- Stage or amphitheater at Veterans Park
- Large rentable pavilion at Freedom Park
- Bridge and trail at the passive area of Freedom Park
- Replacement of playground and pavilion at Bates Park
- Additional parking at Bates Park
- Dog park enhancements including play elements & shade canopy at Officer Cash Dog Park
- Pavilion upgrades or additions at Masterson Park
- Covered seating at Bates Park softball fields
- Shade structures near playgrounds at Lakeside and BG Peck Parks

Following this meeting, Board members will be asked to individually rank project priorities. Staff and the Board Chair will compile responses into a consolidated, prioritized recommendation list.

RECOMMENDATION:

No formal action is required at this time; however, the Board may provide direction on modifications to the project list.