

CITY OF CLEWISTON
Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2025

The City of Clewiston Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services (PR&LS) Advisory Board held a regular meeting on September 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Ryan Duffy. The Vice Chair then led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and offered an invocation.

PR&LS Advisory Board Members Present: Jamie Redish, Ryan Duffy, Ian Stone and Joe Foote.

PR&LS Members Absent: Melissa “Dusty” McDuffie

Personnel Present: Director of Recreation & Leisure Services Jeanie Orozco

Others Present:

Additions/Deletions/Changes and Approval of the Agenda – Agenda approved.

Public Comments – Bree Rojas, president of Little League. Wanting to touch base and make sure we are still on track for the season with everything that Ashly had put in place. If there is anything that the league could do to improve the fields let them know, they are more than happy to help. Also wanted to touch on Trunk or Treat, it will be held at Tent City. Bree has already got a good response of Food Truck vendors. Director Orozco stated that we could set up a time with Rodney, the ballfields lead, to make sure the fields are being maintained as needed. Board Member Foote asked if this would be a bigger event since Tent City would be the same size as Sweetest Town Playground. Bree said the Tent City field is larger so it should be a larger area for our community. The playground at Sweetest Playground kept the kids occupied for a long time. Bree thought about Bounce Houses but then you have to worry about getting signed waivers.

- 1. Department Reports, Program Plans & Project Updates** Director Orozco covering Sport Complex plans/reports and what’s going on and what we are looking forward to. All scoreboards are up and ready to run. Vice Chair Duffy asks if there is a vendor to help Little League get up to speed on it or if our guys have the expertise to show them how to use it. Director Orozco informed us that our guys do know it and we could get a date scheduled for a class with coaches/board members to show them how it works. Racquetball courts are ready to be used. The building has been painted and cleaned up on the inside. Fall Festival is scheduled for October 11, 2025. Everything is going good with the plans, vendors. Fall camp is scheduled for October, we have 10 kids signed up

as of today. Discussion of possibly hosting Pickleball Tournaments, researching that to see the interest. AYSO looking into options for the painting of the fields. Last year a board member kept it up on their end. They will be having their draft meeting next week to start their season. Trinidad Park has been having a lot of trash, i.e. beer bottles, very loud, so CPD will be having it more patrolled to hopefully stop these issues. John Boy Auditorium having the floor polished/waxed. It will be completed in October, the last time it was polished was in 2024. This, in the past, was done twice a year. We are looking into doing a painting of some sort on the pad across the chickee hut. Whether it be a type of game we could paint on it. Board member Redish said what about the 4 square game. We could possibly fit a few on there and adults might even play as well. Director Orozco mentioned to the board that we are using the Placer platform to get us vital statistics on our parks/events, etc. 3V3 event had 1,500 people, Cougars on 9/6 had 764 people, game on 9/13 had 847 people. Board Member Joe Foote asked if we could get numbers for Trunk or Treat. Director Orozco informed the Board that if they hear anything in town from citizens or the community in general about something not happening or getting done to please reach out to her so she can make sure it is scheduled. With Ashly no longer with the City we are coming across some things that weren't on the schedule/calendar that we didn't anticipate but made arrangements to have them added last minute.

2. **Board member comments/questions/future meeting discussion topics** – Board Member Foote mentioned that last year talked about using the 10 acre field for soccer to keep off some of the baseball fields, any word about that? It was talked about briefly last year, whether it be just for practice, to help keep the foot traffic down. Director Orozco said she would look into it. Also, the Cane Field track is being redone so all Middle and High School teams will also be practicing/playing on the City fields. Vice Chair Duffy stated that the issue is that there is so much demand for the fields between AYSO, boys and girls high school teams and just people that are out there that we wanted to talk about it ahead of soccer season. It doesn't have to be this month but at some point, we should have that conversation. Vice Chair Duffy wanted to reiterate, is talking about seasons before they happen and it looks like we are on top of Baseball and working with Bree. It's good that everyone is working together because sometimes we have issues where things are not thought about until season is here and it's too late to get it to where we need it so he thinks we are in the right direction on that.
3. **Next Meeting:** Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 16, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. The board agreed by consensus.

Adjournment

Board Vice Chair Ryan Duffy then declared the meeting adjourned with unanimous consensus of the members present @ 4:23 p.m.

