

Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 8th day of May 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at The Ridge at Leon Valley Park, 5740 Grass Hill Drive, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238 for the purpose of the following business, to wit:

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m., with the following members in attendance: Vice-Chair Danielle Bolton and Commissioners Elaine Valdez, Diane Frazier, and John Hoyt. Absent were Commissioners Ann Sawyer, Terra Patterson, and Joyce Trent. Also present was resident Mr. Sawyer and Staff Liaison Melinda Moritz.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the April 10, 2025, Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Hoyt made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Valdez. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard.

Mr. Sawyer stated that Mrs. Sawyer sent her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

4. Old Business

a. Discussion – Repurpose of Leon Valley Community Pool

Staff Liaison Moritz informed the Commission that the City Council was to discuss the disposition of the pool facility at their next City Council meeting and that potential uses could include a dog park, a pickleball court, or some other use. She showed the Commissioners the presentation she had prepared for the meeting which depicted several possible layouts for a dog park and pickleball court. She then stated that the Public Works Crew had already started the demolition of the pool but were waiting on CPS Energy to deenergize the facility prior to knocking holes in the bottom of the pool.

b. Reports – Tree and Swimming Pool Subcommittee

Ms. Moritz let the Commissioners know that the Forest Oaks pool would open on Memorial weekend.

5. New Business

a. Discussion and Recommendation – Seneca Trails Walking Path

Ms. Moritz gave each Commissioner a layout of the Seneca Trails neighborhood adjacent to The Ridge at Leon Valley Park. She explained the alignment of the walking areas and bike paths and noted that this was not a gated community, so that all the residents of the area would be able to use the paths. She also explained that Bexar County owned the parcel closest to the creek and that she had asked them how the city could obtain an easement to build a connecting pathway to the hike & bike trail in the creek.

Ms. Moritz then explained that the city had applied for a grant to create a Hike & Bike Trails Master Plan and that all the trails would be included in the Plan. A general discussion was held regarding future amenities for the park areas within the new subdivision.

b. Discussion and Possible Action – Alternative Location for Pickleball Court

A general discussion was held on potential locations for pickleball courts, including The Ridge at Leon Valley Park. The Commissioners walked to one of the locations to view the site.

6. Commissioner's and Staff Comments

Commissioner Valdez stated that she had asked Public Works not to mow close to the fence at the Linkwood Addition – Pavona Place Trail, as the wildflowers were in bloom and she wanted them to wait until the flowers had died.

Commissioner Frazier noted that her grandson loved playing at Raymond Rimkus Park, but that the benches near the playground area had sunk and asked that Public Works revise the location of the benches.

Commissioner Hoyt noted that he walked the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park frequently and had noticed several different bird species, a coyote, and coral snakes, and stated it was a great park. He stated that several trees were growing over the trail and needed removal, along with the numerous dead trees. Ms. Moritz explained that Public Works was in the process of removing some of the dead trees located along the private property fences at the back of the park.

Chairman Christensen thanked the Commissioner for their attendance and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

7. Adjourn.

Vice-chair Bolton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The vote carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Roger Christensen, Chairman

5-25-25 Date