



Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 14th day of August 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, 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 6:30 p.m., with the following members in attendance: Commissioners Elaine Valdez, Diane Frazier, Ann Sawyer, Terra Patterson, Jennifer Pecina, and John Hoyt. Absent was Commissioner Joyce Trent. Also present was Staff Liaison Melinda Moritz.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the June 12, 2025, Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

3. Citizens to be Heard.

There were no citizens to be heard.

4. Old Business

a. Discussion – Recap of 4th of July Event

Staff Liaison Moritz directed the Commissioners to the presentation in their packets and went over the revenue, expenses, and event programs. She noted that although the rain had put a damper on the event, the estimated turnout was between 7,400-9,400 attendees. She stated that staff had convened an after-event evaluation and that several recommendations had come from the meeting including specific protocols on when to cancel due to inclement weather, the success of the revised 5K run route, placing vendors and food trucks on Poss Road instead of in the park, and the need for fencing of Huebner Creek to prevent accidental falls. A general discussion was held.

b. Discussion – Repurpose of the Leon Valley Community Pool Facility

Ms. Moritz informed the Commission that the Leon Valley Community pool had been demolished and that no decision had been made by the City Council as to its future use. She stated that several options had been discussed including a community garden with about 50 plots, a dog park, pickleball courts, and just leaving the site bare. Ms. Moritz then stated that the Park Commission could make

another recommendation at a future meeting which would then be forwarded to the City Council for their consideration.

b. Reports – Tree and Swimming Pool Subcommittee

Pools - Ms. Moritz informed the Commissioners that the Forest Oaks pool was now open only on the weekends until the end of September, as schools were back in session and that the plaster on the pool bottom was starting to peel. She noted that after October, the pool was scheduled to be replastered. Commissioner Hoyt asked how many people had visited the facility and Ms. Moritz stated that they had not yet compiled a report as the pool was still open, but that the past attendance indicated approximately 3,000 people had used the pool.

Trees – Ms. Moritz informed the Commissioners that past Park Commissioner Tom Benavides was going to facilitate the annual Arbor Day poster contest and that he had been in contact with Leon Valley, Driggers, Oak Hills, and Pat Neff schools and they had indicated their willingness to participate. She noted that the Commissioners would need to evaluate the posters at the next Park Commission meeting and score them. A discussion was held on the venue for the next Park Commission meeting and Ms. Moritz told the Commissioners she would recheck the meeting schedule and let them know.

5. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action – Election of Vice-Chair

Chairman Christensen asked the Commissioners for a nomination to fill the Vice-Chair position and explained the duties of the Vice-Chair. After a general discussion, Commissioner Sawyer nominated Commissioner Valdez for the position and Mrs. Valdez accepted. A motion was made by Commissioner Hoyt to appoint Mrs. Valdez as Vice-Chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Discussion – Forest Oaks Community Pool Grant

Ms. Moritz directed the Commissioners to the presentation in their packets and explained that the Forest Oaks Community Pool facility was in poor condition and that several rounds of meetings and proposals had been discussed and presented by and to the City Council over the past years for a complete renovation of the facility. She noted that a Concept D had been tentatively approved but not funded. She further explained that funding from grants, bonds, and from the General Fund Reserve had been suggested. She stated that a grant opportunity had recently been discovered from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, and the Council had agreed to let staff apply.

Ms. Moritz stated that the estimated cost for the rehabilitation was \$1.6 million and the grant would pay 50% of the cost, with the city being responsible for the remainder of

the amount. She then explained that the city would not know if the grant was approved until January of 2026. She further explained that after approval, a site visit would be conducted and then agreements had to be created and signed, so that the actual period for construction would be from 2026-2030. She noted that, if the grant was approved, the City Council was considering setting aside \$200,000 each year and not commence construction until the fourth year.

Chairman Christensen noted that grant consideration would not have been possible without the submission and approval of the new Parks Master Plan to the TDPW. A general discussion was held on funding possibilities and needed repairs to the facility.

6. Commissioner's and Staff Comments

Commissioner Sawyer stated that it felt good to be a part of the process in creating the new Park Master Plan and knowing that it actually facilitated the city's ability to apply for and possibly obtain grant funding from the TDPW.

Commissioner Frazier stated that she was happy to see that the park benches were being replaced and/or rehabilitated and that she could now enjoy the playground with her grandchildren.

Commissioner Hoyt asked if the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) had contacted the city to help with the erosion control project on Huebner Creek through the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park. Ms. Moritz stated that they had not, as there were no construction plans to be considered by SARA. She explained that several alignments had been proposed, but no decision was made and that she would find out if the funding for the project should be carried over to the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Valdez stated that she had attended the Coffee with the Council and was pleased with the manner in which the FY 26 budget had been prepared and with the proposed reductions.

Commissioner Pecina stated that she was excited to see what would be eventually developed at the now vacant Leon Valley Community Pool facility site.

Chairman Christensen thanked the Commissioners for their attendance and stated that one of the previous Mayors (Mayor Marcie Meffort) had once said that people could disagree without being disagreeable and that he was glad that the Park Commission was one of those types of groups. He suggested that items to be considered in future meetings could include solutions for the erosion along Huebner Creek, the next fiscal year budget proposals, and possibly changing the time of the meetings from 6:30 pm to 6:00 pm. He also requested that Staff confirm the location of the next meeting. He then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

7. Adjourn.

Commissioner Pecina made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. The vote was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Roger Christensen
Roger Christensen, Chairman

10-11-25
Date