

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 12:00 PM

City Council Chambers | 202 N. Virginia Street, Port Lavaca TX 77979

MINUTES

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COUNTY OF CALHOUN §
CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 15th day of September, 2021, due to the COVID-19 concerns and in accordance with the Governor's Orders and recommendations, the Recreation and Parks Board of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in regular session at 12:00 p.m. by utilizing "Zoom Meeting and Facebook Live Transmission" on the City of Port Lavaca's Facebook page beginning at 12:00 p.m. Central Time on Wednesday, August 18th, 2021.

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ROLL CALL

The following members were in attendance:

Mac Sistrunk	Chairman
Olga Szela	Board Member
William J. Reagan	Board Member

The following members were absent:

Jean Wehmeyer	Board Member
Melinda Cain	Board Member

Constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, at which time the following business was transacted:

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mac Sistrunk called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and presided.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - *Limited to 3 minutes per individual unless permission to speak longer is received in advance. You may make public comments as you would at a meeting on Zoom by logging on with your computer and/or smart phone as described in the zoom invitation below or on Facebook Live through the comment section, which will be monitored and answered. As appropriate.*

1. General discussion and hear statements from citizens.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk announced condolences to Board Member Jean Wehmeyer for the passing of her husband.

Board Member Olga Szela made statement that all parks look very good after Tropical Storm Nicholas.

ACTION ITEMS - *Council will consider/discuss the following items and take any action deemed necessary*

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held August 18, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 18, 2021.

Motion made by Board Member Reagan, Seconded by Vice Chairwoman Szela.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan

3. Receive Parks & Recreation Operations and Maintenance report from Director of Public Works.

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer reported that the Lighthouse Beach Pier is almost complete. He added that he will be placing sign at the pier prohibiting BBQ pits and open fires of any kind at the pier. Shaffer also reported that there was a fire last week at the City Park and that some of the picnic tables from the parks were missing.

Parks Superintendent Joe Rodriguez reported that his crew has been keeping up with regular maintenance. He mentioned they had a lot of work going on with preparations on Flip Flop Festival.

4. Receive update on park assignments from park board members

Board Member William “Bill” Reagan’s park assignment is Wilson Park, he stated the park looks good overall. He mentioned that he did notice that the electrical box had not been covered. Rodriguez informed him that he would be taking care of that. Reagan also made mention that the new park road was starting to get a few potholes.

Board Member Olga Szela's park assignment is City Park and Butterfly Park. She reported that City Park overall looked very good. She also reported on Butterfly Park and stated that she felt the park needed some lighting. She explained that she drove by at night and the park was extremely dark.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk’s park assignment is Bayfront Park, he stated that the park looked good. Shaffer added that the road needed some maintenance due to potholes beginning to be a major issue.

5. Receive status report on the 2019 Texas Parks and Wildlife Trails Grant project.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented updated site plans for the Bayfront Peninsula Walking Trail and Park Improvements and the board discussed it.

6. Receive Status report of the New Skate Park project at Wilson Park.

Interim City Manger informed the board that the city is currently soliciting bids for the site prep preparations. She further informed she would be presenting this as an agenda item at the upcoming City Council meeting for Council to approve.

7. Receive status report on improvement projects at Lighthouse Beach Park.

Interim City Manager told the board that the Lighthouse Beach pier was supposed to be completed on Monday. She explained that due to the Tropical Storm the completion date was delayed. She stated that they were waiting on the fabric for the shade structures. Weaver mentioned the pier would open as soon as it was complete and a date for ribbon cutting would be set later.

8. Receive financial status report on the Parks & Recreation Department.

Jody Weaver presented the current park budget to the board. The board reviewed the reports and there were no further comments.

9. Consider reassignment of Park Board members to the Sign Committee.

Agenda item was tabled to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Reagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vice Chairwoman Szela seconded said motion.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sistrunk, Szela, and Reagan

NAYS: None

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 P.M.



Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:



Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE

This is to certify that the above notice of a regular meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board of The City of Port Lavaca, scheduled for **Wednesday, September 15, 2021**, beginning at 12:00 p.m., was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of **5:00 p.m. Friday, September 10, 2021**.



Lorena Perez-Diaz, *Assistant City Secretary*