



## RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 12:00 PM

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

### MINUTES

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF CALHOUN §  
CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025, the Recreation and Parks Board of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in regular session at 12:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place in Council Chambers at City Hall, 202 North Virginia Street, Port Lavaca, Texas with the following members in attendance:

#### ROLL CALL

Mac Sistrunk	Chairman
Olga Szela*	Vice Chairwoman
William "Bill" Reagan	Board Member
Gregory Falcon	Board Member
Mary Lou Tharling	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 12:02 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 by logging on with your computer and using "Join Zoom Meeting" information on first page of this agenda).*

#### **1. General discussion and hear statements from citizens.**

Chairman Mac Sistrunk announced that the next Recreation and Parks Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk asked for comments from the public and there were none.

**2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held September 24, 2025.**

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

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

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 24, 2025.

Second by Vice Chairwoman Szela,

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Falcon, and Board Member Tharling.

**3. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.**

The Interim City Manager encouraged the board to examine the report included in the packet. Following their review, the board found no additional comments or concerns to address.

No action necessary and none taken.

**4. Receive update on park assignments from park board members.**

Board Member Bill Reagan oversees Wilson Park and noted that the park is overall in good condition; he stated there is nothing major to report.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk reported that Bayfront Park was in good condition overall. Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela commented that the new blue tables at Bayfront looked very nice.

Board Member Olga Szela is responsible for overseeing City Park. She noted that the park is in great condition; however, during her visit, she found that there were no paper towels in the women's restroom. Szela inquired about the work being done in the parking lot. Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer explained that they were renovating the curb and gutter. He also mentioned that Marvelous Gardens had updated the flowers for the sign by the highway.

Board Member Mary Lou Tharling visited George Adams Park and observed that the park looks well maintained.

Board Member Greg Falcon is assigned to Faye Bauer at Sterling Park. He stated the area looks good but needs to be mowed.

No action necessary and none taken.

**5. Receive financial status report on the Parks and Recreation Department.**

The financial report was reviewed and discussed. Interim City Manager Jody Weaver mentioned that there were no notable highlights to report.

No action necessary and none taken.

**6. Discuss Financial reports at Lighthouse Beach Campground.**

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented the Campspot report, which the board reviewed. She announced that the new kiosk would go live on October 6th. A daily pass will cost five dollars, while a yearly pass will be twenty-five dollars. Weaver also noted that senior citizens will receive a discounted price of twenty dollars for the yearly pass.

No action necessary and none taken.

**7. Receive updates on Recreation and Parks Board Master Plan.**

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented an overview report of what has been produced for the master plan thus far. The board reviewed and discussed it.

No action necessary and none taken.

**8. Review possible lease agreement with the Calhoun County Youth Football League for use and maintenance of Ashley Field.**

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver proposed the idea of creating a lease agreement with the Calhoun County Youth Football League, similar to the one that Calhoun County currently has with the Calhoun County Little League. She noted that Commissioner David Hall provided the current lease used by the Little League. Weaver indicated that some changes would need to be made, but she wanted to gauge the parks board's opinion on whether to proceed with this initiative. The board discussed the proposal and agreed to form a subcommittee to further review and execute the lease agreement at a later date for presentation to the City Council.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela,

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

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby establishes a subcommittee to engage in collaboration with the Calhoun County Youth Football League.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Recreation and Parks Board nominates Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela and Bill Reagan for this subcommittee.

Second by Board Member Bill Reagan,

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Falcon, and Board Member Tharling.

**9. Discuss Public Art in the City Parks.**

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented the idea of adding artwork to the causeway side of the Lighthouse Beach restroom, which has already been painted by Michael Sanchez. She suggested that it would be beneficial to call for artists to enhance other parks throughout the city. Weaver mentioned that the City Park and various transformer boxes in different parks would be ideal starting points. Board Member Greg Falcon suggested reaching out to the art students at Calhoun High School, and everyone agreed this would be a good idea.

No action necessary and none taken.

**10. Review Parks 5-year Capital Improvement Plan and 2025-26 budget.**

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented a list of the 5 year capital improvement projects that will be presented to City Council on Monday, October 13, 2025 for final approval. The board discussed the projects.

No action necessary and none taken.

**ADJOURN**

Chairman Mac Sistrunk asked for motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Board Member Falcon

Second by Board Member Reagan.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Falcon, and Board Member Tharling.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 P.M.

These minutes were approved on October 22, 2025

  
Olga Szela, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

  
Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary