

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 12:00 PM

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

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On this the 27th day of November, 2024, 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
Gregory Falcon	Board Member
Mary Lou Tharling	Board Member
Dina Smith	Board Member

And with the following absent:

William "Bill" Reagan	Board Member
Kevin Kuntschik	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 Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

During the meeting for public comments, Carl Laney and Paula Hartzog were present. Mr. Laney proposed the idea of placing a full-size replica of the La Belle at the City Harbor. He indicated that he and a few others believe this initiative would attract tourism to the city. Additionally, they feel it could serve as an educational resource for local schools. Mrs. Hartzog also shared a letter from Susan Toalson expressing support for the same idea.

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held October 23, 2024.

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 23, 2024.

Second by Board Member Szela,

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Board Member Szela, Board Member Falcon, Board Member Tharling, and Board Member Smith

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

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer was not present at the meeting. In his absence, Interim City Manager Jody Weaver provided an update on the activities of the parks department. She informed the board that the department has been actively performing regular maintenance across all city parks, ensuring they remain in good condition for public use. Additionally, Weaver showcased a status photograph of the crosswalk artwork project created by artist Michael Sanchez, highlighting the creative efforts being made to enhance the community's public spaces.

4. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.

The board reviewed and discussed the playground inspection report.

No additional comments were made.

5. Receive update on park assignments from park board members.

Board Member Dina Smith oversees Butterfly Park and Lighthouse Beach. She noted that both parks are in good condition. However, she mentioned that the sign at Butterfly Park looks very poor and suggested it be removed.

Chairman Sistrunk reported that the Bayfront Park assignment is looking very good. Board Member Falcon noted that 13 lights throughout the park are not functioning and should be addressed. He also mentioned that a new flag will be added to an existing flagpole instead of installing a new one.

Board Member Olga Szela is assigned to City Park. She noted that, overall, the park looks good, but the grass needs mowing.

Board Member Mary Lou Tharling's park assignment is George Adams, and she stated that the park looks good.

Board Member Greg Falcon was assigned to Faye Bauer Sterling Park. He mentioned that the park looks good.

6. Receive financial status report on the Parks Recreation Department.

The financial report was reviewed and discussed.

7. Discuss Financial reports at Lighthouse Beach Campground.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented a report on the Lighthouse Beach composting program. During the discussion, she informed the board that they may need to revisit this issue. Revenue at the park has declined, and it may be necessary to return to the original stay limit of six months for RV sites instead of the current two months.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Board Member Falcon

Second by Board Member Smith

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Board Member Szela, Board Member Falcon, Board Member Tharling, and Board Member Smith,

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 P.M.

These minutes were approved on December 18, 2024


Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:


Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary