

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 12:00 PM

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

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On this the 22nd day of July, 2026, 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
Socorro Cantu	Board Member

And with the following absent:

None

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 12:00 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 Sistrunk asked for comments from the public and the following citizens spoke:

- Irene Delacruz raised concerns regarding the concession stand at Ashley Field in City Park, including a non-functioning window air-conditioning unit and a request to have the concession stand painted.

- City Manager Jody Weaver reminded the Board of the upcoming joint workshop session with City Council regarding the Parks Master Plan presentation prior to its final adoption.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk announced that the next Recreation and Parks Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

No additional comments were made.

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held June 24, 2026.

Motion made by Vice chairwoman Szela,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 24, 2026.

Second by Board Member Falcon,

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Falcon and Board member Cantu.

3. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.

The Board reviewed the report and indicated that there were no additional comments or remarks. The Board also made mention that the splash pad is open through Labor Day weekend.

No action necessary and none taken.

4. Receive Quarterly Parks Department Report 04.01.26 - 06.30.26.

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer was absent. The Board decided to place this item on the agenda for the next Recreation and Parks Board meeting scheduled for August 26, 2026.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

Board Member Bill Reagan was assigned to oversee Wilson Park and Lighthouse Beach. He reported that both parks were in good condition. City Manager Jody Weaver asked him to monitor the condition of the Courtesy Dock.

Board Member Socorro Cantu oversees Butterfly Park and Claret Crossing. Regarding Butterfly Park, he noted that the fence remains completely down and requires attention. City Manager Jody Weaver informed the Board that the fence is scheduled to be repaired in the coming weeks and that South Texas Brick will be the contractor performing the work.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk oversees Bayfront Park and reported that the park is generally in good condition. He noted that the summer concerts have been going well. He also mentioned what appeared to be a leak at one of the faucets in the fish-cleaning area.

Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela, who oversees City Park, reported that the park is in good condition overall.

Board Member Greg Falcon oversees Faye Sterling Park. He reported that the park is in good condition overall but noted a pile of trash in the rear of the park that needs to be removed.

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

The Board reviewed the report included in the meeting packet and had no additional comments. No action necessary and none taken.

7. Discuss the monthly financial report on Lighthouse Beach RV Park and Campground.

The Board briefly discussed the matter and decided that the report should be presented to the Board on a quarterly basis.

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approves receiving the Lighthouse Beach RV Park and Campground report on a quarterly basis rather than monthly.

Second by Vice chairwoman Szela,

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Falcon and Board member Cantu.

8. Receive update on ongoing 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).

- **Butterfly Park Fence**
- **Wilson Park Basketball and Pickleball court(s)**
- **Raised crosswalk/sidewalk from Splashpad to restrooms at Lighthouse Beach**
- **TPWD Grant for design of improvements to Lighthouse Beach Boat Ramp Entrance Channel.**

City Manager Weaver reported that work on the Butterfly Park fence is scheduled to begin next week. She also advised that the proposed cover for the court will not be pursued during the current budget year due to the anticipated cost.

Additionally, she provided an update on the proposed raised crosswalk and sidewalk connecting the Lighthouse Beach splash pad to the restrooms, noting that the project is currently in the design phase. Once the design concepts are finalized, the project will proceed toward implementation.

Regarding the TPWD grant for the design of improvements to the Lighthouse Beach Boat Ramp Entrance Channel, City Manager Weaver reported that Grant Coordinator Katryna Thomas is currently

working on the Requests for Qualifications (RFQs), with the goal of bringing the matter before City Council for consideration and award in September.

No action necessary and none taken.

9. Receive updates on Ashley Field's ongoing updates.

City Manager Weaver reported that the sign for Ashley Field had not yet been installed but noted that the lights have been installed. No other comments were made.

No action necessary and none taken.

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 Cantu.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 P.M.

These minutes were approved on August 26, 2026


Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:


Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary