

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 12:00 PM

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

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On this the 26th day of March, 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
Dina Smith*	Board Member

And with the following absent:

Kevin Kuntschik	Board Member
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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 12:01 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, April 23, 2025.

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held February 26, 2025.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 26, 2025.

Second by Board Member Falcon,

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

3. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer presented the Parks Inspection Report, the board reviewed and discussed the playground inspection report. Shaffer noted that there were no highlights in this report.

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

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

Board Member Mary Lou Tharling is assigned to George Adams Park, where she noted that the park is in good condition overall.

Board Member Olga Szela is responsible for overseeing City Park. She noted that the park is generally in good condition. The Interim City Manager informed the Board that, thanks to donations received from Port Lavaca Rotary and funds collected from Jody's birthday fund, the Music Park at City Park is finally progressing. She mentioned that musical instruments for the Music Park will be installed soon, and there will also be music notes painted along the sidewalk to complete the project.

Chairman Sistrunk reported that Bayfront Park looked good overall. He noted that the Parks crew was preparing to mow the park.

Board Member Dina Smith reported that she has been unable to visit Lighthouse Beach but has been to Butterfly Park. She noted that while Butterfly Park looks generally good, she still has the same concerns as before. The exercise equipment is rusty, and the park sign is in poor condition.

Board Member Bill Reagan provided an update on Wilson Park, noting that the park is in good condition. However, he pointed out that the toilet in the women's bathroom is not flushing.

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

The financial report was reviewed and discussed.

6. Discuss Financial reports at Lighthouse Beach Campground.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented a report on the Lighthouse Beach Campspot. The board reviewed and discussed the details of the program. Jody informed them that the council has passed the first reading of an ordinance to extend the maximum stay at the campground from three months to six months. She also mentioned that a company will soon make reservations for ten camping spots, paying the full amount upfront.

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

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver informed the board that an architect from LJA Architects would be in the city the following day to take pictures of the current parks to initiate the Master Plan.

8. Discuss Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for fiscal year 2025-26.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver noted that several items are already included in the plans, but she would like to hear their ideas or any feedback they may have. Board members presented some suggestions and engaged in discussion.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela

Second by Board Member Falcon.


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

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 P.M.

These minutes were approved on April 23, 2025


Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:


Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary