



RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 12:00 PM

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

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On this the 28th day of January, 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
Mary Lou Tharling	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 12:02 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, February 25, 2026.

Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela expressed her concerns regarding Wilson Park, specifically about the entrance and exit. Her concerns have arisen due to the upcoming project for a pickleball court, which she believes will attract more visitors to the park. She wants to ensure that, in the event the park becomes full, first responders can access the area quickly in case of an accident or emergency

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held October 22, 2025.

Motion made by Board Member Reagan,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 22, 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 Cantu.

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

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer informed the board that the report was included in their packet for review. He noted that if the parks crew identifies any issues, they make an effort to resolve or address them. No further comments regarding the report were provided.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

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

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

Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela is responsible for overseeing City Park. She observed that the park is in good condition overall.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk is responsible for overseeing Bayfront Park. He stated that the park is in good condition overall.

Board Member Cantu is responsible for overseeing Clarett Crossing and Butterfly Park. He mentioned that Clarett Crossing is in very good condition. However, he noted that Butterfly Park requires some attention. Although he acknowledges that the park is older, he believes it could benefit from some beautification efforts.

Board Member Bill Reagan has been assigned to Wilson Park. He noted that the entrance to the park looks unkempt and that the potholes are in urgent need of repair. He also mentioned an exposed electrical outlet

at the concession stand that requires attention. Additionally, he pointed out that there is a missing gate at one of the baseball fields, which needs to be fixed as people are driving through it.

No action necessary and none taken.

5. Receive Quarterly Public Works Report from 10.01.2025 to 12.31.2025.

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer provided an update on the current activities and initiatives of the Parks Department. During the meeting, he distributed a comprehensive report detailing recent projects, maintenance updates, and future plans for enhancing the parks. Shaffer highlighted one of the planned enhancements for Ashley Field. He mentioned that he was waiting for vendor packets from the company that sells sporting equipment in order to order bleachers. Additionally, he stated that new LED lights would be installed in the park to improve visibility during late practices.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

The financial report was reviewed and discussed.

No action necessary and none taken.

7. Discuss and discuss a conceptual masterplan for Wilson Park.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented a conceptual design for Wilson Park. In her illustration, she indicated where a pickleball court and a basketball court would be located. The board also discussed the park's entrances and identified future updates that they believe are necessary to enhance the park.

No action necessary and none taken.

8. Discuss and discuss preliminary public draft of the Recreation and Parks Trails Master Plan prepared by LJA Architects.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented the preliminary public draft for the board's review. She asked the members to look it over and provide any feedback they may have regarding the plan. Each board member received a hard copy for their review.

No action necessary and none taken.

9. Discuss proposed TPWD Boating Access grant for improvements to the Lighthouse Beach Boat Ramp Basin and entrance channel.

Interim city manager Jody Weaver reported that she presented this for approval and that it would be submitted. She added that Urban Engineers was working on this project. The board discussed and received information regarding the grant.

No action necessary and none taken.

10. Receive monthly report on Lighthouse Beach RV Park and Campground.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented the report on Lighthouse Beach and the campground. She requested that the members review it and share any feedback they might have. Additionally, she reminded the board that the new website is up and running, effectively promoting the park.

No action necessary and none taken.

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 Cantu.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 P.M.

These minutes were approved on February 25, 2026



Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:


Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary