



THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ANGLETON PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING. THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CONVENED IN A MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026, at 12:00 PM., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chairman David Heinicke called the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting to order at 12:00PM.

PRESENT

Erin Boren
Clara Dannhaus
David Heinicke
Jessica Norris
Gina Pipkins

Barbara Simmons – Council Liaison

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on October 14, 2025.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 14, 2025 meeting. Board Member Boren made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Board Member Dannhaus. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. Update and discussion on new Parks Assessment Report.

Director of Parks & Recreation, Jason O'Mara, introduced a new Parks Assessment Tool designed to evaluate park amenities based on safety, condition, and functionality. Staff presented the draft findings from data collected from Board members and staff who participated in a two-day evaluation of park amenities. The Board discussed how this tool will help prioritize maintenance and capital improvements, as well as guide future funding decisions. Members also emphasized the importance of incorporating usage data, ADA considerations, and visual documentation. The Board agreed to work with staff to develop a prioritized list of projects for further discussion at the next meeting.

3. Discussion and possible action on request to name the Lakeside Park Pavilion in honor of Terry Roberts.

Director O'Mara presented a request to name the Lakeside Park Pavilion in honor of Terry Roberts in recognition of his service to the community. After brief discussion, the Board unanimously approved a motion to recommend the naming to City Council for final approval.

4. Discussion and possible action to consider a Parks Memorial Request for installation of a bench and tree at the Officer Cash Memorial Dog Park.

Director O'Mara presented a request to install a memorial bench and tree at the Officer Cash Memorial Dog Park in honor of a living individual, which required a variance from existing policy. After discussion regarding maintenance responsibilities and program guidelines, the Board approved the request unanimously.

5. Update on 2026 Park Projects.

Director O'Mara presented updates on several major capital projects, including the rebid of Abigail Arias Park, ongoing contract negotiations and anticipated construction timeline for the Freedom Park expansion, and funding challenges related to grading improvements at the BG Peck Soccer Complex. Updates were also shared on the Recreation Center natatorium renovation, including progress on pool plaster, painting, slide refurbishment, and installation of a new play feature, with a tentative reopening anticipated in March. Additional updates included the upcoming replacement of the Freedom Park playground, expected to begin installation in April with a temporary closure period, and progress on Bates Park Field #6, which is anticipated to be completed in time for summer programming.

Board members asked several questions regarding project timelines, contractor selection, and upcoming City Council actions, including when contracts for Abigail Arias Park and Freedom Park would be presented for approval. Questions were also raised about project scope, specifically related to Freedom Park, including confirmation that current plans focus on field development without additional amenities such as parking or pedestrian bridge access. The Board discussed future funding opportunities for the Freedom Park pedestrian bridge, including the potential use of grant funding and matching requirements. Additional discussion included the long-term plan for improvements at the BG Peck Soccer Complex, with staff noting that larger-scale improvements may require future bond funding and phased implementation. The Board expressed interest in how funding availability will influence project timing and prioritization moving forward.

COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board members shared feedback from the community, including requests for additional basketball courts, concerns and differing opinions regarding wildscape areas at Lakeside Park,

and interest in future improvements such as a pedestrian bridge at Freedom Park. Positive recognition was also given to staff for maintaining facility cleanliness.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:24 PM

These minutes were approved by the Angleton Parks and Recreation Board on the 13th day of April 2026.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

Jason O'Mara
Director of Parks and Recreation