

Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 13th day of March 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238 for the purpose of the following business, towit:

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with the following members in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Danielle Bolton and Commissioners Elaine Valdez, Joyce Trent, and John Hoyt. Absent were Commissioners Diana Frazier and Ann Sawyer. Also present was Staff Liaison Melinda Moritz.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the February 13, 2025, Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Hoyt made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Vice-Chair Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard.

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

4. Old Business

a. Discussion and Action – Zoom Meetings

Chairman Christensen stated that due to one of the Commissioners not being able to be physically present at some of the summer meetings, he was proposing to use Zoom for those meetings. He further suggested the Commissioners vote on the following meeting venue schedule:

April – Leon Valley Conference Center
May - The Ridge at Leon Valley Park
June, August, September – Leon Valley Conference Center

July – Cancelled

October – Raymond Rimkus Park

Commissioner Hoyt noted that he would be attending the May meeting in person. A motion was made by Commissioner Valdez to approve the meeting schedule, which was seconded by Commissioner Hoyt. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Reports - Tree and Swimming Pool Subcommittee

Ms. Moritz led a general discussion on the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park fire break clearing, the dead trees in that park, and the Council decision to permanently close the Leon Valley Community Swimming Pool Facility and repurpose the site for either a pickleball court, dog park, or other recreational opportunity.

5. New Business

a. Discussion and Recommendation – Park and Trail Connectivity

Ms. Moritz explained that the City Council had approved submitting applications to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Hike & Bike Trail Segment 3 project and for a grant to create a Park Trail Master Plan for the city.

6. Commissioner's and Staff Comments

Staff liaison Moritz let the Commissioners know that all the garden plots had been assigned and that they had received numerous applications that were now on hold. She noted that the vacant lot next to the Leon Valley pool facility might be a good place to develop an additional community garden.

Commissioner Hoyt asked when the Hike & Bike Trail Segment 3 and Trails Master Plan grants might be awarded. Ms. Moritz stated that it would be in the August time frame. Mr. Hoyt stated he hoped the trail segment that was in progress would be connected to the Huebner-Onion Homestead property. Mr. Hoyt also noted that the Forest Oaks tennis courts could be dual purposed as a pickleball court.

Commissioner Valdez stated that she hoped her neighbors would turn off or downturn their outdoor lighting for the spring bird migration period.

Chair Christensen stated he thought the ideas for a dog park, pickleball court, and community garden would all be great assets to the community. He then thanked the Commissioner for their attendance at the meeting.

7. Adjourn.

Commissioner Hoyt made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Valdez. The vote carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Roger Christensen, Chairman

Date