



## **Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes**

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 13th day of April 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at Raymond Rimkus Park, 6440 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238 for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

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

Park Commission Chairman Roger Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m., with the following Commissioners in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Danielle Bolton and Commissioners Evan Bohl, Ann Sawyer, Elaine Valdez, and 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Tom Benavides. Absent were Commissioners Julie Carreon-Martinez, Diane Frazier, Nancy Marrufo, and Denise Berger.

Also present at the meeting were resident Mr. Drew Power and Staff Liaison Melinda Moritz.

### **2. Review and Approval of the March 9, 2023, Park Commission Minutes – (Commissioners)**

Commissioner Benavides asked that Ms. Berger's first name be corrected and moved to approve the minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Commissioner Valdez, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Citizens to Be Heard**

There was no one present wishing to speak.

### **4. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **5. New Business**

#### **A. Discussion – Linkwood Addition – Pavona Place Trail (M. Moritz)**

Staff member Moritz explained that the trail, located at the north end of Evers Road, had been constructed in the 1990's, but had been allowed to deteriorate. She noted that when the Construction Crew started clearing the trees and a pathway, they discovered the old road base that had been installed for a trail. She noted that the Crew would be

rehabilitating the old road base and constructing a new portion of trail from where the existing portion stopped to Linklea Street in the Linkwood Addition Subdivision.

Commissioner Valdez expressed her concern about the fence. Ms. Moritz explained that the fence was installed at the request of St. John's Baptist Church, as they felt trail goers might trespass upon their property. Ms. Valdez also noted that she had seen vehicles travelling in the area behind the homes. Ms. Moritz explained that there was a sixteen-foot alley behind the homes and that alleys are minor public rights of way, but that the trail would be separated from the alley. Ms. Valdez expressed her desire to have a picnic table installed near the outdoor fitness equipment area. Ms. Moritz stated that the Park Commission could recommend any sort of amenity for that area. Chairman Christensen noted that the Park Commission would be meeting at the trail in May, and they could collectively decide what other amenities should be installed in that area.

### **B. Bandera Road Bridge Scour Repairs (M. Moritz)**

Staff member Moritz explained that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) had notified the city that they were preparing a project to repair the scour under the Bandera Road bridge at the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park. She noted that they would be installing riprap on an existing scour hole and replacing a portion of riprap that had been undermined.

Commissioner Bohl asked if the project had already been approved. Ms. Moritz stated that TxDOT was only in the planning and engineering stage, but that they would notify the city when the project was to begin.

### **C. Report from the Swimming Pool Subcommittee**

Commissioner Valdez reported that the subcommittee had immediately met after the last Park Commission meeting and discussed the proposed pool contract with the San Antonio Pool Management Company, noting that the contract did not adequately address her concerns and that it needed to further address compliance with current state laws. She stated that she had redlined the proposed contract and submitted it to city staff for review. Ms. Moritz stated that the City Attorney and she had reviewed the redlined copy and that some of the suggested items had been incorporated into the new contract. She stated that she would get a copy of the contract to the Pool Subcommittee.

Commissioner Bohl inquired as to the necessity and duties of having a pool subcommittee. Chairman Christensen stated that it was important that a group of persons had oversight of the pools and their operations. He then asked that when the pool contract next came up for review and advertisement, the proposal be brought to the subcommittee for review.

## 6. Commissioner and Staff Comments.

Commissioner Valdez stated that she had wanted to hold a pool party for the Pavona Place Homeowner's Association, but that when she called the San Antonio Pool Management Company, she was told that she had to provide separate insurance, so she decided to contact the City of San Antonio (COSA) to hold it at one of their pools instead. She noted that the Leon Valley pools were not ADA accessible and that she did not agree with allowing alcohol consumption at the pools, so she recommended the use of the COSA pool to the Pavona Place HOA.

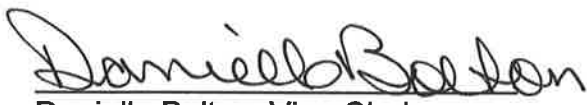
Commissioner Bohl stated that he had been busy watching the legislative sessions in Austin, but that it was good to be at the Park Commission meeting. He noted that he was advocating for the City of Leon Valley in acquiring funding for water and sewer infrastructure projects. He noted that the progress was slow and that it could take a year, but he was hoping to get commitments from the legislators.

Chairman Christensen thanked the Commissioners for attending and stated that the El Verde Road Hike & Bike Trail construction was progressing nicely. He noted that a fence was planned to separate the trail from the residential homes along El Verde and he encouraged the Park Commissioners to acquaint themselves with the trail.

## 8. Adjourn.

Chairman Christensen asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Bolton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

*These minutes were approved at the May 11, 2023, Park Commission meeting.*

  
Danielle Bolton, Vice-Chair

5/11/23  
Date