

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 12:00 PM

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

MINUTES

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CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 19th day of October, 2022, due to the COVID-19 concerns and in accordance with the Governor's Orders and recommendations, the Recreation and Parks Board of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in regular session at 12:00 p.m. by utilizing "Zoom Meeting and Facebook Live Transmission" on the City of Port Lavaca's Facebook page beginning at 12:00 p.m. Central Time on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022.

ROLL CALL

The following members were in attendance:

Mac Sistrunk	Chairman
Olga Szela	Vice Chairwoman
William J. Reagan	Board Member
Jean Wehmeyer	Board Member
Mark Howell	Board Member

The following members were 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 12:04 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 on Zoom by logging on with your computer and/or smart phone as described in the zoom invitation below or on Facebook Live through the comment section, which will be monitored and answered. As appropriate.*

1. General discussion and hear statements from citizens.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk announced that the next Recreation and Parks Board meeting will be scheduled for November 16, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS - *Parks board will consider/discuss the following items and take any action deemed necessary*

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held September 21, 2022.

Motion made by Board Member Wehmeyer, Seconded by Board Member Reagan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 21, 2022.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Wehmeyer, Board Member Howell

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

Public Works Director was absent. Parks Superintendent Joe Rodriguez reported on the maintenance operations of Public Works Department. Rodriguez reported that the parks department crew is currently working on regular maintenance such as mowing and weed eating. He also added that they have been racking the baseball fields at Wilson Park, trimmed the trees and palm trees at the Lighthouse Beach, and cleaned up all the rock debris left from construction at the Claret Crossing pocket park.

4. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.

Parks Superintendent Joe Rodriguez presented the board with the monthly inspection's reports. The board reviewed them and there were no comments.

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

Board Member William "Bill" Reagan's Park assignments are Wilson Park and Lighthouse Beach Park, he reported that the park overall looks good. For Lighthouse Beach he stated he felt the beach showers needed to be replaced. Joe Rodriguez responded that two have been ordered and as soon as they arrive they will be replaced.

Board Member Jean Wehmeyer's park assignment is Faye Bauer Sterling Park, she did not have anything to report as far as maintenance. Wehmeyer did report that the Chuckwagon Extravaganza that took place on September 24th, 2022 was a huge success.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk's park assignments are Bayfront Park and Claret Crossing. Sistrunk stated he was unable to go to either park but will make it a point to go before next Recreation and Parks Board meeting.

Board Member Olga Szela's Park assignments are City Park and Butterfly Park. For Butterfly Park she stated Joe Rodriguez touched on everything she was concerned about and everything else looked good. For City Park she asked if the leftover mulch was going to be relocated. Rodriguez told her they will be using the left-over mulch at the George Adams park playground.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver informed her that she was looking into that through a master gardening program and would come back to report with additional information later on. For City Park she reported that the tree cutting and lights at the park look very good. Weaver added that this park would be out for bids for the mowing and that rather than thirty-six mows, the bids would now include forty mows.

Chairman Mark Howell's Park assignment is George Adams Park. Howell. He stated the park looks good. He did mention that if an event at George Adams Park were to come up he would request that the parks crew power wash the pavilion because there is a lot of bird poop everywhere

6. Receive status report of the Skate Park Improvements project at Wilson Park.

Joe Rodriguez reported that per Interim City Manager, Jody Weaver, the parking lot and sidewalk project was awarded to Silva Construction by City Council. Additionally, City Council approved the sports lights for the skate park area. He ended by stating that the fence for that area was still pending and would be presented to City Council at a later date.

7. Receive financial status report on the Parks Recreation Department.

The board reviewed the budget reports and there were no comments.

8. Receive information for the Monster Mile Mash trunk-or-treat styled event at Lighthouse Beach Park on October 22, 2022 from 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Information regarding Monster Mile Mash trunk was given to the Recreation and Parks Board. Based on the flier given, the event will take place October 22, 2022 beginning at 5 pm and it will be a free community event at the Lighthouse Beach.

9. Consider and discuss updating rules for the Lighthouse Beach.

The board reviewed the updated rules presented and discussed.

Motion made by Board Member Howell, Seconded by Vice Chairwoman Szela

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby makes recommendation to City Council to amend Ordinance G-8-22 as presented to update rules for Lighthouse Beach.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Wehmeyer, Board Member Howell

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Board Member Reagan

Seconded by Vice Chairwoman Szela.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Wehmeyer, Board Member Howell

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 P.M.

These minutes were approved on November 16, 2022

Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary