

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 12:00 PM

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

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On this the 23rd day of September 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
Gregory Falcon	Board Member
Maggie Sepulveda	Board Member
Ramona "Mona" Servantes	Board Member
Natalie Trevino Gonzalez	Board Member
Socorro Cantu	Board Member

And with the following absent:

William "Bill" Reagan	Board Member
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*Vice Chairwomen Olga Szela left the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

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 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.

Citizen Irene De La Cruz asked about the condition and operation of the concession stand window at Ashley Field. She also brought attention to items in need of repair, including the lighting. Public Works Director Shaffer noted the concerns and will review the items mentioned to determine the appropriate repairs or maintenance needed.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk announced that the next Recreation and Parks Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

No additional comments were made.

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held August 26, 2026.

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 26, 2026.

Second by Vice Chairwoman Szela

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Cantu, Board Member Falcon, Board Member Sepulveda, Board Member Servantes, and Board Member Gonzalez.

3. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer presented the inspection report to the Board. Shaffer advised the Board that he was also looking into opportunities for larger grant funding to address needed improvements. The Board reviewed the report, and no additional comments or concerns were noted. Shaffer also advised the Board that he was also looking into opportunities for larger grant funding to address needed improvements.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

The Board received updates from the Park Board Members regarding their assigned parks.

Board Member Sepulveda, who oversees Lighthouse Beach, reported that everything was in good condition. She noted that she observed employees and citizens picking up trash and helping keep the area clean.

Board Member Cantu, who oversees Claret Park, reported that everything was looking good.

Board Member Gonzalez, who oversees Butterfly Park, reported that algae were present on the playscape.

Chairman Sistrunk, who oversees Bayfront Park, reported that everything was looking good. He noted that he observed employees cleaning leaves from the rocks near the fishing pier.

Chairwoman Szela, who oversees City Park, reported that the park is being used frequently and is in good condition. She noted that employees have been doing a good job with cleanup and reported that the road entrance to the park needs repair.

Board Member Servantes, who oversees George Adams Park, reported that the fencing needs repair and that the wooden tables in the pavilion area appeared to be deteriorated and possibly rotten. She also presented a photograph of a metal sign with a bent-up corner that could present potential safety concern. Public Works Director Shaffer stated that he would send someone to inspect the area.

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

The Board reviewed the report included in the meeting packet and had no additional comments.

No action necessary and none taken.

6. Receive update on ongoing 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).

- **Butterfly Park Fence**
- **Wilson Park Basketball and Pickleball court(s)**
- **Raised crosswalk/sidewalk from Splashpad to restrooms at Lighthouse Beach**
- **TPWD Grant for design of improvements to Lighthouse Beach Boat Ramp Entrance Channel.**

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer provided the following updates:

Butterfly Park Fence

Shaffer reported that the fence at Butterfly Park had been completed and stated that it looked great.

Wilson Park Basketball and Pickleball Court(s)

Shaffer reported that the basketball court improvements were moving along. Due to project costs, staff had decided not to move forward with the pickleball court at this time. City Manager Weaver added that she was looking into additional funding options, including grants, to help fund the pickleball courts.

Raised Crosswalk/Sidewalk from Splash Pad to Restrooms at Lighthouse Beach

Shaffer reported that the project was currently in progress. He explained that a new sidewalk would be constructed to provide a connection from the splash pad to the restrooms.

TPWD Grant – Design of Improvements to Lighthouse Beach Boat Ramp Entrance Channel

Shaffer reported that this project was still in progress and that additional updates would be provided to the Board as they become available.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

City Manager Weaver provided an overview of the financial information for the Lighthouse Beach RV Park and Campground included in the meeting packet, highlighting the various fees. She then asked Public Works Director Shaffer for an update on obtaining Wi-Fi service at the park. Director Shaffer stated that he had spoken with the installer regarding the Wi-Fi installation.

City Manager Weaver also discussed the park's Google reviews, noting that the campground currently has a 4.4 out of 5-star rating, as well as positive ratings on other review platforms. She stated that visitors appear to be enjoying the campground and that word about the facility is spreading, although building awareness takes time.

City Manager Weaver stated that these reports will be presented to the Board on a quarterly basis, with Public Works Director Shaffer providing the presentations.

8. Receive information and discuss potential partnership and grant opportunities with the National Fitness Campaign.

Public Works Director Shaffer presented information regarding a potential partnership with the National Fitness Campaign, including a video and photographs of a proposed "Fitness Court," which were also included in the meeting packet. He explained that the Fitness Court would include seven workout stations, digital fitness features, and provide free fitness opportunities for the community. He also noted that several surrounding communities have implemented similar Fitness Courts.

A Board Member asked whether the Fitness Court would be covered, and Director Shaffer confirmed that it would be. He explained that the project could be funded through a grant program with a 60/40 funding split between the grant and the City.

Board Member Szela asked whether a water fountain could be placed near the Fitness Court, and Director Shaffer confirmed that one would be included. Board Member Falcon asked about the estimated cost of the project, which Director Shaffer provided and noted was also included in the meeting packet.

Board Member Gonzalez asked about the expected lifespan of the structure and surrounding area. Director Shaffer stated that he was scheduled to meet with the National Fitness Campaign organization again the following day and would gather additional information regarding the project.

The Board also discussed potential donors and fundraising opportunities, noting that local fitness groups may have an interest in supporting the project.

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby recommends that the City Council consider pursuing potential partnership and grant opportunities with the National Fitness Campaign.

Second by Board Member Sepulveda

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Board Member Falcon, Board Member Sepulveda, Board Member Servantes, Board member Cantu, and Board Member Gonzalez.

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Motion made by Board Member Falcon

Second by Board Member Sepulveda

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Board Member Falcon, Board Member Sepulveda, Board Member Servantes, Board member Cantu, and Board Member Gonzalez.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 P.M.

These minutes were approved on October 28, 2026

Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kellie Perez, Assistant City Secretary