



RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 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 28th day of August, 2024, 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
Mary Lou Tharling	Board Member
Kevin Kuntschik	Board Member

And with the following absent:

William “Bill” Reagan	Board Member
Gregory Falcon	Board Member
Dina Smith	Board Member

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 12:19 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.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk announced that the next Recreation and Parks Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

Jennifer Lance presented fliers of upcoming events to the board. The fliers presented were for the Monster Mile Mash to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 and a flier for a celebration for Veterans Day on November 11, 2024.

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held August 28, 2024.

Motion made by Board Member Kuntschik,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 28, 2024.

Second by Board Member Tharling.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Tharling, and Board Member Kuntschik

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

This item was not discussed.

4. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.

This item was not discussed.

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

This item was not discussed.

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

This item was not discussed.

7. Receive presentation from Tim McFraland on bird blind and feeding station at Lighthouse Beach.

Dr. Tim McFarland presented information regarding an upcoming birding festival in Port Lavaca. He stated the first birding festival in Port Lavaca is scheduled to be May 1-4, 2025. The festival will be named Texas Mid Coast Birding Festival. Mr. McFarland expressed that to have a successful birding festival there are a few things he would like to see happen. He feels that building a Birding Park at Lighthouse Beach with a birding/photo blind, water station pond, and feeding stations would add attributes to have a fruitful festival. He presented explained the purpose of his request to the board and an approximate cost of what his request would entitle.

Motion made by Board Member Kuntschik,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby supports Dr. Tim McFarlands request to build a Birding Park at Lighthouse Beach.

Second by Vice Chairwoman Szela.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Tharling, and Board Member Kuntschik

8. Review update on Born Learning Trail and Music Park at Tilley Park.

This item was not discussed.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela

Second by Board Member Kuntschik

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Falcon, Board Member Tharling, Board Member Smith and Board Member Kuntschik

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 P.M.

These minutes were approved on September 25, 2024

Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary