



## **RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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**

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| Mac Sistrunk          | Chairman     |
| William “Bill” Reagan | Board Member |
| Gregory Falcon        | Board Member |
| Socorro Cantu         | Board Member |

And with the following absent:

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| Olga Szela        | Vice Chairwoman |
| Mary Lou Tharling | 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 12:01 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, March 25, 2026.

No additional comments were made.

**2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held January 19, 2026.**

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 19, 2026.

Second by Board Member Regan,

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Falcon, and Board Member Cantu.

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

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer was unable to attend the meeting, leaving the board to independently review the submitted report. As the members examined the details, they found no significant issues or concerns to raise.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

Board Member Greg Falcon is assigned to Faye Bauer at Sterling Park. He stated that the park looks good overall.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk oversees Bayfront Park. He stated that the park is in good condition overall and there is nothing he needs to report.

Board Member Socorro Cantu is responsible for overseeing both Clarett Crossing and Butterfly Park. He mentioned that Clarett Crossing is in excellent condition. However, he noted that Butterfly Park needs some attention. He stated that simply caring for the flower beds would significantly improve the park's appearance. Interim City Manager Jody Weaver informed him that the budget for this year includes funds for a new fence for Butterfly Park.

Board Member Bill Reagan has been assigned to oversee Wilson Park and Lighthouse Beach. He observed that the park's entrance appears unkempt and that the potholes urgently need repair. He also mentioned an exposed electrical outlet at the concession stand that requires immediate attention. Additionally, he pointed out that the bench by the playground at Bayfront is completely sunken and needs to be addressed. No action necessary and none taken.

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

The financial report was reviewed and discussed.

No action necessary and none taken.

**6. Receive monthly report on Lighthouse Beach RV Park and Campground.**

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented the monthly report to the board. She informed the board that there were new positive Google reviews for the RV park. She stated that the new website was generating positive advertisements.

Park attendant Jennifer Roy was present at the meeting. She informed the board that she is implementing several new initiatives to promote advertising. One of her current projects is constructing a large chair for photos, which will be placed at the park. This will give visitors to Lighthouse Beach a memorable photo opportunity.

Additionally, she announced that she is now ordained and able to officiate weddings by the beach if the opportunity arises. She plans to offer this service after hours.

No action necessary and none taken.

**7. Consider providing free admission to Lighthouse Beach Park to disabled veterans..**

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver informed the board that a citizen, a disabled veteran, approached her with a suggestion for free admission to the park. He mentioned that he receives free admission to any state park and proposed that the same benefit should be extended to local veterans. The board discussed the idea and agreed to support it.

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby makes recommendation to City Council to provide free admission to disabled Veterans to the Lighthouse Beach.

Second by Board Member Cantu,

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Falcon, and Board Member Cantu.

**8. Discuss preliminary public draft of the Recreation and Parks Trails Master Plan prepared by LJA Architects.**

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver introduced the preliminary public draft, inviting the board to engage in a thorough review. She emphasized the importance of their feedback, hoping to refine the document further. Following her presentation, the board participated in a brief discussion, sharing their thoughts and insights on the draft.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

- **Butterfly Park Fence**
  - No work has been completed yet. Wayne Shaffer is starting to gather bids and prices to initiate this project.

- **Wilson Park Covered Basketball court(s)**
  - Wayne Shaffer spoke with Matt Glaze from Urban Engineering to initiate the plan.
  
- **Raised crosswalk/sidewalk from Splashpad to restrooms at Lighthouse Beach**
  - Desing for this project will be done internally so it will be initiated soon.
  
- **Three (3) new cabanas at Lighthouse Beach Splashpad**
  - In working prograss.
  
- **Lighthouse Beach Shoreline Restoration/Protection Project**
  - The current phase of the project involves engineering and obtaining the necessary permits. •
  
- **Dredging of Lighthouse Beach Boat Ramp entrance channel**
  - The current phase of the project involves engineering and obtaining the necessary permits

No action necessary and none taken.

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Board Member Falcon

Second by Board Member Reagan

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Falcon, and Board Member Cantu.

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 P.M.

These minutes were approved on March 25, 2026

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Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary