

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 12:00 PM

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

MINUTES

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CALHOUN §
CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 17th day of August, 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, August 17th, 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

The following members were absent:

Mark Howell	Board Member
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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 12:03 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 October 19, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

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

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held August 17, 2022.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela, 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 August 17, 2022.

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

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

Public Works Department Wayne Shaffer reported regular maintenance is being done at all of the city parks. He added that the lights at the gazebo were replaced in preparation for the upcoming Christmas festivities.

Parks Board Superintendent, Joe Rodriguez, reported that the parks maintenance crew is keeping up the mowing at the parks. He added that at the Bayfront they changed a few outlets at the pavilion. They also have been trying to keep up with the weeds at the Veterans Memorial. At the Lighthouse beach he mentioned that they had some boards replaced on the boat ramp.

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

Board Member William “Bill” Reagan’s Park assignment is Wilson Park, he reported that the park overall looks good. He asked about mosquito spraying and Wayne Shaffer explained to him that the County is the one responsible for spraying throughout the city.

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 there will be an event of September 24th, 2022. The event will be a Chuckwagon Extravaganza and will take place in the park.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk’s park assignment is Bayfront Park. He stated the park looks very nice. He initiated a brief discussion about upcoming events and future park plans.

Board Member Olga Szela’s park assignments are City Park and Butterfly Park. For Butterfly Park she asked about a possibility of landscaping. 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.

4. Receive status report of the New Skate Park project at Wilson Park.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver reported that there was currently a project for additional parking and sidewalks out for bids. She added that the bids would be due the following week. Weaver also mentioned that she is looking at pricing of lights and will be taking it to City Council for approval. If denied she will have to wait until next budget year,

5. Receive status report on the electrical repairs at the Lighthouse Beach RV Campground.

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer stated that this project should be competed today. He said that once AEP inspects it would be back up and running. He anticipated that next week all of the RV spots should be back in service.

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

Jody Weaver presented the current park budget to the board. The board reviewed the reports and there were no further comments.

7. 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.

Camp host Bobby Medina announced that on October 22, 2022, staff will be hosting a free community event at the Lighthouse Beach from 5pm to 9pm. The Monster Mile Mash will be a trunk-or-treat style event set up along the walking trail. There will be “selfie stations” set up by staff on the bird walk for different photo opportunities, music, and a food vendor. Local businesses will be invited to participate in handing out treats and participate in a best selfie station competition.

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

Wayne Shaffer presented an updated list of rules for the Lighthouse Beach parl. Shaffer explained that if the Parks Board is ok with this these changes rules would be proposed to city council in the upcoming city council meeting.

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

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 the ordinance on park rules for Lighthouse Beach.

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

9. Discuss ideas for current and future mural projects in city parks.

Artist Michael Sanchez presented final mural drawing to the board. The board viewed and discussed the drawing.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela, 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 accepts drawing from Michael Sanchez with modification of jet ski on letter “O” for mural to be placed on south side of bathroom wall at Lighthouse Beach.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Board Member Wehmeyer,,

Seconded by Vice Chairwoman Szela.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

These minutes were approved on August 17, 2022

Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary

