

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 12:00 PM

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

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On this the 26th day of August, 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
William “Bill” Reagan	Board Member
Gregory Falcon	Board Member
Maggie Sepulveda	Board Member
Ramona “Mona” Servantes	Board Member
Natalie Trevino Gonzalez	Board Member

And with the following absent:
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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 12:00 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 Sistrunk welcomed the new Board members and asked each member to introduce themselves.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk announced that the next Recreation and Parks Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

No additional comments were made.

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held July 22, 2026.

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 22, 2026.

Second by Vice Chairwoman Szela

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, 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. The Board reviewed the report, and no additional comments or concerns were noted. Shaffer also advised the Board that the turtle features at the Bayfront Playscape at La Belle were being removed due to safety concerns. He stated that the area would be leveled to provide a flat and safer surface.

No action necessary and none taken.

4. Receive Quarterly Parks Department Report 04.01.26 - 06.30.26.

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer presented the Parks Quarterly Report to the Board. Following review of the report, the Board inquired about the closing date of the pool. Shaffer stated that he believed the pool closed on or shortly after Labor Day weekend.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela, who oversees City Park, reported that the park was in good condition overall. She noted that the water fountain near the playground appeared to be clogged. Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer stated that Parks Superintendent Eddy Taylor was aware of the issue and that he would follow up to ensure it was addressed. Szela also reported an odor in the restrooms and questioned whether it could be related to an issue with the lift station. Aside from these concerns, she stated that the park looked great and that the recent improvements had enhanced the overall appearance of the park.

Board Member Bill Reagan, who oversees Wilson Park and Lighthouse Beach, reported that both parks were generally in good condition, although he noted that he had not visited Lighthouse Beach recently. Reagan also reported that the bench at Wilson Park still needed attention, stating that it had deteriorated further and was now touching the ground.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk, who oversees Bayfront Park, reported that the park was generally in good condition. He noted that the summer concert series had been going well and that the park had remained well maintained throughout the events. He mentioned that the grass was dry but noted that similar conditions were present throughout the area.

Board Member Greg Falcon reported that rocks from the Veterans Memorial frequently end up on the sidewalk and expressed concern that they could create a potential safety hazard.

Board Member Greg Falcon oversees Faye Sterling Park. He reported that the park is in good condition overall but noted a pile of trash in the rear of the park that needs to be removed.

6. 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.

7. 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 currently in the design phase. Due to project costs, staff had decided not to move forward with the pickleball court at this time. He also stated that, in an effort to identify and prevent potential issues with the project, staff had ordered a soils report, which had recently been completed.

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.

8. Review and consider the Final Draft Master Parks Plan and make a recommendation to the City Council for Adoption.

City Manager Weaver advised the Board that the plan was in the final phase of the approval process. In consideration of the newly appointed Board members, she noted that the plan had been included with the agenda materials for their review and explained that several previous meetings and discussions had taken place leading up to the item being presented for approval.

Weaver stated that, following the Board's consideration, she intended to present the plan to the City Council for consideration at its next Regular Meeting scheduled for September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby recommends that the City Council approve the Final Draft of the Parks Master Plan.

Second by Board Member Gonzalez.

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

9. Discuss Public Art Options for the Lighthouse Beach Restroom Building.

City Manager Weaver advised the Board that artist Michael Sanchez had submitted a revised mural design for Lighthouse Beach in response to the Board's previous comments regarding the pelican depicted in the original design. She stated that the revised design would be provided to the Board for review at a later date.

No action necessary and none taken.

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Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela

Second by Board Member Falcon

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 P.M.

These minutes were approved on September 23, 2026

Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lorena Perez-Diaz, City Secretary