

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 12:00 PM

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

**MINUTES**

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COUNTY OF CALHOUN §  
CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 and 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, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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**ROLL CALL****CALL TO ORDER**

The following members were in attendance:

Mac Sistrunk	Chairman
Olga Szela	Board Member
Jean Wehmeyer	Board Member
Mark Howell	Board Member

The following members were absent:

William J. Reagan	Board Member
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**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 on May 18, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Board Member Olga Szela asked on the status of the Born Learning Trail at City Park. Interim City Manager Jody Weaver told her that she would send the board more information after the meeting and a diagram of the latest proposed layout for the trail. She explained that the bids came in lower than expected due to a donation from the contractor.

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

**2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held March 16, 2022.**

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela, 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 approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 16, 2022.

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

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

Parks Superintendent Joe Rodriguez reported on the maintenance operations of the city parks. Rodriguez reported that the parks crew was currently working on trimming trees at all of the parks and the mowing. He also informed the board that for George Adams Park Rexco, Inc. will be sandblasting and painting the playground equipment. He added that the barbe-q pits were painted along with the tables in preparation of the Juneteenth celebration. For Lighthouse Beach he reported that they were currently painting the recreational room and building shelves for the swimming pool. For Bayfront Park he reported that all of the light that were not working were fixed. Lastly for Wilson Park he reported that they were doing the usual mowing and were looking into replacing the soccer nets.

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

Board Member Mark Howell's park assignments is George Adams Park. He asked if there was plans of replacing the rotted fencing used for the baseball field. Parks superintendent Rodriguez told him there was not but now that it was brought up they could look at it and take care of it.

Board Member Olga Szela's park assignments are City Park and Butterfly Park. She said both parks are nicely mowed and that the city park is always very busy. She added that she felt that the city park was in need of additional picnic tables. She also mentioned that she noticed the lady's restroom had graffiti on a wall.

Board Member Jean Weahmeyer's park assignment is Faye Bauer Sterling Park, she stated the park looks good overall.

Board Member William "Bill" Reagan's park assignment is Wilson Park, he reported that the park overall looks good. he added that he saw that he saw the groundbreaking for the skate park was initiated.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk's park assignment is Bayfront Park, he stated overall the park is looking very nice.

**5. Receive status report on the 2019 Texas Parks and Wildlife Trails Grant project.**

Interim City manager Jody Weaver reported that the project was complete and that there were only a few things left to finalize the project such as a bike rack, benches water fountain, and trash cans. She said that once that is complete there will be a final inspection.

**6. Receive Status report of the New Skate Park project at Wilson Park.**

Jody Weaver informed the board that Lester contracting initiated the subgrade preparation and that the skate park project should be started in May.

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

Jody Weaver that the material for the area that needs to be redone as new service were ordered in August of 2021 and were still not received. She added that there was a miscommunication between the contractor and AEP regarding the existing service portion. She believed the contractor connected the existing wiring to the new service pole and when AEP came out they were unable to approve the connection. They are working on getting all of that straightened out and hoping that everything will be ready by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**8. 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.

**9. Reestablish the Parks Board Signs Committee.**

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

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 assigns board members Olga Szela and William “Bill” Reagan to the Signs Committee and to the Visioning Committee.

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

**10. Hear presentation form local artist Michael Sanchez about painting murals in city parks.**

Local artist Michael Sanchez presented some of his portfolio to the Recreation and Parks Board. He introduced himself and explained that his goal is to try to liven up Port Lavaca painting murals at the city parks or any other locations the board would suggest. He explained he feels that public mural and other work can make the city more appealing and possibly increase tourism.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela, 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 approves accepting a proposal from local artist Michael Sanchez for an initial art project for the Lighthouse Beach restroom wall closest to the pier.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Board Member Wehmeyer.

Seconded by Board Member Howell.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 P.M.

**WORKSHOP CALL TO ORDER**

**11. Tour City Park Facility (Bayfront Peninsula Park).**

This item was passed for the next Recreation and Parks Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

These minutes were approved on May 18, 2022.

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Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary