

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, July 24, 2026 at 12:00 PM

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

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On this the 24th day of July, 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

Olga Szela

William “Bill” Reagan

Gregory Falcon

Socorro Cantu

Chairman

Vice Chairwoman

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

And with the following absent:

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 Sistrunk asked for comments from the public and the following citizens spoke:
 - o Irene Delacruz, concern regarding the women's restroom at Bayfront Park that needs attention.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk announced that the next Recreation and Parks Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

Board Member Greg Falcon raised concerns about the rising cost of the pavers for the Veterans Memorial. He asked the board if they should consider increasing the prices of the pavers. Falcon mentioned that he is the only person installing the pavers and requested help for installation when he is unavailable. The board asked the staff to research information regarding the initiation of the Veterans Memorial.

No additional comments were made.

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

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

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

Second by Board Member Reagan,

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

3. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer presented his report and indicated that there were no additional updates to provide.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

Greg Falcon, a board member, manages Faye Sterling Park. He noted that the park looks good overall but just needs mowing.

Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela, who is responsible for overseeing City Park, noted that the park is in good condition overall. She mentioned that it simply needs to be mowed. Additionally, she highlighted that the pavilion over the reading center is a valuable asset to the park.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk oversees Bayfront Park and noted that the park is generally in good condition. However, he mentioned that it needs to be mowed. He also talked about some upcoming events at the park. On July 3rd, the Spangled Day Bash will be taking place, and the Bayfront Beats concerts on Saturday evenings have already begun. Additionally, he mentioned the motorcade scheduled for July 4th to celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

Board Member Socorro Cantu oversees Butterfly Park and Claret Crossing. For Butterfly Park, she noted that the fence is completely down and needs attention.

Board Member Bill Reagan has been assigned to oversee Wilson Park and Lighthouse Beach. He noted that both parks looked good but mentioned that Wilson Park needs the grass to be cut.

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

The board reviewed the report included in the packet and had no comments to make.

No action necessary and none taken.

6. Discuss the monthly financial report on Lighthouse Beach RV Park and Campground.

The board reviewed the provided report and discussed it.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

- **Butterfly Park Fence**
- **Wilson Park Covered Basketball 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.**

Wayne reported that the Butterfly Park fence has been awarded and is currently in progress. He also mentioned that the basketball court at Wilson Park is in the bidding process. For now, they are considering completing the covered portion of the court at a later date. Additionally, he provided an update on the raised crosswalk and sidewalk from the splash pad to the restrooms at Lighthouse Beach, stating that this is currently in the design phase of the project.

No action necessary and none taken.

8. Discuss the rules pertaining to the maximum duration of stay at the Lighthouse Beach.

The board discussed different options for managing the length of stay at the Lighthouse Beach RV Park. Board member Falcon proposed adding a provision that would allow tenants in the Hillside section of the park to receive two 90-day extensions after an inspection. This would permit them to stay longer than the initial six-month period.

Motion made by Vice chairwoman Szela,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approves making the recommendation to City Council to allow tenants in the Hillside section of the park to receive two 90-day extensions after an inspection.

Second by Board Member Cantu,

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Falcon and Board member Cantu.

9. Discuss Capital Improvements Project (CIP) for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

Public Works Director Shaffer and City Manager Weaver referenced a few items being included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for this year and requested input. They both mentioned that the upcoming year is expected to be tight, and there may not be much activity planned.

No action necessary and none taken.

10. Receive presentation from Michael Sanchez and discuss public art opportunities though City Parks.

Michael Sanchez was not present, so City Manager Weaver presented a draft image created by him for the board to review and provide feedback. The board liked the overall design but requested that a different bird be illustrated in the image.

No action necessary and none taken.

11. Receive updates on Ashley Field's ongoing upates.

Public Works Director S. Shaffer stated that four new lights are being installed, and a new park sign will also be put up. He presented an image of the sign to the board.

No action necessary and none taken.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Vicechairwoman Szela

Second by Board Member Cantu

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, Board Member Falcon and Board member Cantu.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

These minutes were approved on July 22, 2026

Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary