

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 12:00 PM

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

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On this the 22nd day of April, 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

Chairman
Vice Chairwoman
Board Member
Board Member

And with the following absent:

Mary Lou Tharling
Socorro Cantu

Board Member
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 12:03 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 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 on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela commented on the Veterans Memorial, expressing her concern about the continuing increase in the cost of the pavers. She asked the board for their thoughts on possibly raising the prices of the pavers. Board member Falcon noted that he is currently the only person installing the pavers and requested a backup to help with the installation when he is unavailable. Additionally, there was a brief discussion about who holds contracts with the city for the Veterans Memorial.

No additional comments were made.

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held March 25, 2026.

Motion made by Board Member Reagan,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 25, 2026.

Second by Board Member Cantu,

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

3. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer was absent, so the board reviewed the report in the packet. After examining the details, all members found no significant issues or concerns to raise.

No action necessary and none taken.

4. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.

The board reviewed the quarterly report in the packet, as Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer was absent.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

Greg Falcon, a board member, manages Faye Sterling Park. He noted that the barricades there have been in place for some time and are not visually appealing.

Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela, assigned to oversee City Park, expressed that the park looks good overall. She inquired whether the board had any concerns about people parking near Ashley Field after park curfew hours. This led to a brief discussion on the matter.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk supervises Bayfront Park and noted that overall, the park is in good condition. However, he observed standing water near the pavilion.

Board Member Bill Reagan has been assigned to oversee Wilson Park and Lighthouse Beach. He reported that both parks are in good condition. However, he expressed a desire for some type of barrier along the soccer fields facing the road, as the children often run towards the road after kicking the ball, which can be dangerous. Additionally, he noted that during the Birding Festival, one of the participants on his tour had a disability. He felt it was important to bring this up, suggesting that the city could consider making accommodations for birdwatching in the future to better serve individuals with disabilities.

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.

No report provided

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**
- **Three (3) new cabanas at Lighthouse Beach Splashpad**
- **Lighthouse Beach Shoreline Restoration/Protection Project**
- **Dredging of Lighthouse Beach Boat Ramp entrance channel**

This item was not discussed.

No action necessary and none taken.

10. Receive mural painting presentation for the Lighthouse Beach bathroom from Michael Sanchez.

This item was not discussed.

No action necessary and none taken.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Vicechairwoman Szela

Second by Board Member Falcon

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

These minutes were approved on May 27, 2026

Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary