

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 18, 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 20th 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 16th, 2022.

ROLL CALL

The following members were in attendance:

Mac Sistrunk	Chairman
Olga Szela	Board Member
William J. Reagan	Board Member
Jean Wehmeyer	Board Member
Mark Howell	Board Member

The following members were absent:

None

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 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 June 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Local artist Michael Sanchez presented discussed a sketch for the mural at the Lighthouse Beach bathroom wall. He agreed to come to the next Recreation and Parks Board meeting and present an update to the current sketch and possibly bring back additional sketches for the mural.

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

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held April 20, 2022.

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 approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 20, 2022.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan, 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 working on the mowing on all of the parks. He reported that at the Wilson Park both the men and woman bathroom were vandalized. At George Adams Park the lights are not working. Rodriguez explained that AEP will be replacing all of the nonworking lights with LED lights in the near future. Rodriguez added that at the crews finished the grading under the playground at City Park. At Butterfly Park he explained that they have replace a couple of board to the fence and looking onto long term plans for fixing the fence.

4. 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. Reagan asked if the fields are watered. There was mention of the possibility of there being water wells out there. Staff was instructed to check into that. Reagan also suggested that signs asking people to pick up after their animal waste would be fitting at the park.

Board Member Jean Weahmeyer's park assignment is Faye Bauer Sterling Park, she stated the park looks good overall. She added that they would be putting some red, white and blue décor for the Fourth of July.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk's park assignment is Bayfront Park, he stated that he did not get the opportunity to go to the park.

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.

Board Member Mark Howell's park assignments is George Adams Park. Howell stated that both the new parking lot and the baseball fence looked very good after it was fixed.

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 and a ribbon cutting ceremony that the board will be invited to.

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

Jody Weaver asked the board if they would like to have a groundbreaking or a ribbon cutting. The board agreed to do both. Weaver explained that she would make arrangements and send out an invitation to the board.

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

Weaver explained that the staff is still pending the contractor receiving the parts to complete the work. She is estimating that it will be another six to eight weeks before the project is complete.

8. Receive update on United Way Born Learning Trail at the City Park.

Weaver showed the board the final lay out of the United Way Born Learning Trail. The final layout of the trail was extended based upon a substantial donation from Gonzales contracting. There will now be two areas for benches for the story telling. Weaver also mentioned that Lester Contracting also made a donation for a bench in memory of Ken Lester. Weaver also added that next week United Way will be having a board meeting to discuss ordering the signs for the trail.

9. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Board Member Reagan.

Seconded by Board Member Szela.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 P.M.

WORKSHOP CALL TO ORDER

10. Tour City Park Facility (Bayfront Peninsula Park).

This item was postponed for a later Recreation and Parks Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

These minutes were approved on July 20, 2022

Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary