



RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 12:00 PM

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

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On this the 25th day of March, 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
Mary Lou Tharling	Board Member
Socorro Cantu	Board Member

And with the following absent:	
Gregory Falcon	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 12:06 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, April 22, 2026.

Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela inquired about the grant for the pickleball court at Wilson Park. Interim City Manager Jody Weaver responded that it was not awarded.

No additional comments were made.

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

Motion made by Board Member Reagan,

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

Second by Board Member Cantu,

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

3. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer asked the board to review the report in the packet. After examining the details, all of the members found no significant issues or concerns to raise.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

Board Member Bill Reagan has been assigned to oversee Wilson Park and Lighthouse Beach. He stated that both parks look good. The only thing he mentioned was that there are a lot of ants and stickers at Wilson Park.

Board Member Socorro Cantu is responsible for overseeing both Clarett Crossing and Butterfly Park. He noted that Clarett Crossing is in excellent condition; however, Butterfly Park requires attention, as he has mentioned in previous meetings. Cantu also expressed the need for more seating areas in Clarett Crossing. The Public Works Director stated that he is exploring different options for a new playscape for Butterfly Park.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk oversees Bayfront Park. He stated that the park is in good condition overall and there is nothing he needs to report.

Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela, who has been assigned to City Park, expressed her overall satisfaction with the park's condition. She commented on the new lights, stating that they look great. Additionally, she noted that the parking lot near Ashley Field is in good shape. However, she mentioned that the playscape in that area requires more mulch and that attention is needed to address the ant problem.

Board member Mary Lou Tharling manages George Adams Park. She mentioned she could not drive past the park.

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.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented the monthly report to the board. She informed them that there were new positive Google reviews for the RV park. She indicated that the new website was generating favorable publicity and reported that revenue for the park was gradually increasing. So far, the revenue from gate entry has exceeded eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00).

Additionally, she mentioned that the Birding Festival would take place on April 10, 11, and 12, with Lighthouse Beach being one of the main attractions for this event.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

- **Butterfly Park Fence**

No work has been completed yet. Wayne Shaffer is starting to gather bids and prices to initiate this project.

- **Wilson Park Covered Basketball court(s)**

Wayne Shaffer is currently awaiting windstorm engineering approval for the pad.

- **Raised crosswalk/sidewalk from Splashpad to restrooms at Lighthouse Beach**

This project has not yet been started. Weaver mentioned she has some ideas, but nothing is finalized yet.

- **Three (3) new cabanas at Lighthouse Beach Splashpad**

In progress, because the price for one is what he budgeted for three.

- **Lighthouse Beach Shoreline Restoration/Protection Project**

- The current phase of the project involves engineering and obtaining the necessary permits. •

- **Dredging of Lighthouse Beach Boat Ramp entrance channel**

- This project is finalized.

No action necessary and none taken.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Vicechairwoman Szela

Second by Board Member Reagan

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

These minutes were approved on April 22, 2026

Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary