

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 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 October, 2025, 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

Olga Szela*

Gregory Falcon

Mary Lou Tharling

Socorro Cantu

Vice Chairwoman

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

And with the following absent:

Mac Sistrunk

William "Bill" Reagan

Chairman

Board Member

Constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, at which time the following business was transacted:

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela 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 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.

Vice Chairwoman Olga Szela announced that the next Recreation and Parks Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 24, 2025.

- Vice Chairwoman Szela asked for comments from the public and the following citizens spoke:
 - Jeanne Orta, Calhoun County Youth Football League (CCYFL) Executive Board Member, asked for an update on trash cans requested for the Ashley Field.
 - Natalie Wenske and Keesha Rogers, Humane Society, stated that the Humane Society consistently seeks community involvement and that the organization would greatly appreciate the establishment of a dog park within the community.

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held September 24, 2025.

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 24, 2025.

Second by Board Member Tharling,

Voting Yea: Vice Chairwoman Szela, , Board Member Falcon, Board Member Tharling and Board Member Cantu.

3. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.

Public Works Office Manager Cyndi Heysquierdo presented the inspections report and asked the board if there were any questions. She also announced that the splash pads were officially shut down for the season, effective October 21, 2025.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

Board Member Greg Falcon is assigned to Faye Bauer at Sterling Park. He stated that the park looks good overall. However, he mentioned that there is a property on the backside that has accumulated a lot of junk, which negatively affects the appearance of the park.

Board Member Mary Lou Tharling visited George Adams Park and observed that the park looks well maintained. She mentioned the park's cleanliness and observed the recent updates to the playground.

Board Member Olga Szela is responsible for overseeing City Park. She observed that the park is in excellent condition; however, during her visit, she noticed that weeds were scattered throughout the area. Szela also mentioned that while passing by Bayfront Park, she found it to be well-maintained, but again, there were weeds everywhere.

Vice Chairwoman Szela assigned new board member Socorro Cantu to Claret Crossing Park and Butterfly Park, pending additional board members.

No action necessary and none taken.

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

The financial report was reviewed and discussed. Interim City Manager Jody Weaver mentioned that there were no notable highlights to report.

No action necessary and none taken.

6. Discuss Financial reports at Lighthouse Beach Campground and possible revision of fees.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver introduced Gabe Molstre from Campground Launch, who presented via Zoom to the council about the potential contract for their services to help market the Lighthouse Beach RV Park. Weaver explained that the RV Park currently lacks several important features, such as its own website. She believes that implementing a gate entry system will generate new revenue but emphasized that additional improvements are necessary to enhance the park's financial situation.

There was also a brief discussion about modifying the current rates for RV spot rentals. Weaver presented comparisons from surrounding cities. The board discussed and agreed to raise the daily and weekly amounts for reservations of the RV spots.

Motion made by Board Member Falcon,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board recommends to the City Council that hill site rates be adjusted to a daily rate of fifty dollars and a monthly rate of three hundred twenty-five dollars. Additionally, the waterfront rates should be set at fifty-five dollars daily and three hundred fifty dollars monthly.

Second by Board Member Cantu,

Voting Yea: Vice Chairwoman Szela, , Board Member Falcon, Board Member Tharling and Board Member Cantu.

7. Receive Quarterly Reports from the Public Works Department.

Public Works Office Manager Cyndi Hesquierdo presented an overview report in which all of the quarterly accomplishments for the parks department were outlined. The board reviewed and discussed the report.

No action necessary and none taken.

8. Receive update on Recreation and Parks Board Master Plan.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver indicated that there was no concrete information available at this time. She mentioned that they are currently preparing a comprehensive report and have not yet established a date for the next community meeting. Weaver also noted that they set up a booth at the Calhoun County Fair to gather input from parents and children in the community about what they would like to see in the parks. The most requested feature was a covered basketball court.

9. Report on Calhoun County High School Art Students Public Art Project in City Park.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver presented the idea of having Calhoun High School art students paint various areas of the city parks to the art teacher at the school. The teacher and students were enthusiastic about the proposal, and they received approval to paint the restroom at City Park. However, they are currently awaiting a concept plan for the restroom located near the pavilion at City Park before proceeding with that project. Once the plan is finalized, Jody Weaver will present it to the parks board for further approval.

No action necessary and none taken.

ADJOURN

Vice Chairwoman Olga Sistrunk asked for motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Board Member Falcon

Second by Board Member Cantu.

Voting Yea: Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Falcon, Board Member Tharling and Board Member Cantu.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

These minutes were approved on January 28, 2026

Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary