

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CALHOUN §
CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 15th day of January, 2020, 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:

Mac Sistrunk	Chairman
Olga Szela	Board Member
Patty Weaver	Board Member
Michael Tien	Board Member
Jeff Sabedra	Board Member

And with the following absent:

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND HEAR STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Chair Member Mac Sistrunk advised the next meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place.

City Manager William DiLibero announced that on Friday, January 24, 2020 there would be a ribbon cutting to celebrate the re-opening of the Formosa Wetland & Alcoa Bird Tower. He extended the invitation to all of the members and commented that the Formosa Plastic Corporation President would be in attendance of this event.

No citizens present and no further comments.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 18, 2019

Board Member Jeff Sabedra made a motion to pass the following:

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 18, 2019.

Board member Weaver seconded said motion

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Szela, Weaver, Tien, and Sabedra

NAYS: Sistrunk

RECEIVE UPDATE ON PARK ASSIGNMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Olga Szela's park assignment, City Park, she commended the parks department was doing a very good job with picking up the trash at the park. She stated she did notice that all of the lights were not working. Economic Developer/City Engineer Jody Weaver stated there was a new light pole that was added to the park and that it was possible that when installing that something was done and the connection to the rest of the lights was not going through. She also mentioned that the playground surface is needing attention. She said the surface is loose and is afraid that it is a safety hazard for children playing on playground. She asked if the jungle gym could be sand blasted and painted to give it a renovated look.

Board Member Patty Weaver said she would wait to speak on her park assignment, Wilson Park, with its corresponding agenda item.

Board Member Michael Tien stated the Lighthouse Beach looks great and he mentioned that the RV park looks like it is almost full. Board member Weaver added that she has noticed that now that the Walkway has been reopened there are a lot of people out there using the park and the park overall looks great. Tien had no further comments.

Board Member Jeff Sabedra's park assignment is Faye Bauer Sterling Park he did not have any comments. Weaver mentioned that the bids for the reconstruction of the wall would be coming in on January 30th.

Board Member Mac Sistrunk said she would wait to speak on his park assignment, Bayfront Park, with its corresponding agenda item.

RECEIVE STATUS REPORT ON BAYFRONT PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Board Member Mas Sistrunk asked what the status of the Parks and Wildlife Trails Grant for the Bayfront park was. City Manager Bill DiLibero responded that they were told it would take approximately one year for them to complete the Environmental Study. Weaver added that they were told it would be completed in June.

Weaver also added that the surface floor for the La Belle playscape was repaired and that it would be open for the public very soon.

Board member Patty Weaver questioned when the bull rock for the park would be coming in. Public Works Director William Shaffer stated that was still in the works. She also stated she noticed that a few palm trees were added to the park and they look very nice.

RECEIVE STATUS REPORT ON LIGHTHOUSE BEACH PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Jody Weaver stated that the Wetlands project and the reroof of the Lighthouse Beach pavilion is complete. She mentioned there is still some electrical work that needs to be completed but overall that project is ninety eight percent complete. Weaver also confirmed that City Council approved the demolition of the Lions Club restroom. She mentioned that plans are to demolish that in conjunction with the bathhouse early to late February. The new bathhouse is projected to arrive by early March, so the demolishing must be completed before then.

Jody Weaver continued by informing the board that the projects that are in the works are repairs to the boat ramp, replacing the sidewalks in that area, putting new handrails on both sides of ramp, and adding solar lighting. Weaver acknowledged that they are still waiting on National Marine Fisheries for the fishing pier project. The goal for the fishing pier is to build back to the t-head and for the new constructions to be built on a stronger level. Lastly, Jody Weaver mentioned that the replacement of the metal playscape by the splash pad was ordered and in fabrication. She stated that however is waiting on FEMA blessing for the final installation.

City Manager DiLibero also mentioned that he met with Michelle Morales from the YMCA to discuss pool upgrades for this coming up year and stated those upgrades would benefit the Lighthouse Beach park as well.

RECEIVE STATUS REPORT ON WILSON PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Jody Weaver stated that the Concession stand project was bid and City Council awarded the project to Barefoot Construction for 80 days' worth of construction. This project should be initiated first part of February.

RECEIVE UPDATE ON CITY PARK FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Wayne Shaffer explained that other than what had already been discussed with each agenda item there was no additional information he needed to add.

City Manager DiLibero mentioned that there are currently two studies one for a skate park and one for a dog park for feedback from the community.

DISCUSS RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD VACANCY

Chairman Mac Sistrunk mentioned that in the past the board has reached out to City Council to see if they have any recommendations for a board member from their District. After conversation regarding the matter the board agreed to reach out to Councilmember District 1, Jerry Smith, and see if he had someone he would like to recommend. Board members mentioned they have not had representation from that District and would like to open it up to someone from that area. Board also stated they currently do not have representation from District 2 or District 3. If no one in District 1 is interested staff is to reach out to District 2 or District 3 council members to see if they have any recommendations.

CONSIDER RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON

Board Member Olga Szela made a motion to pass the following:

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby appoints Board Member Patty Weaver as Vice Chairperson for the board.

Board member Michael Tien seconded said motion

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sistrunk, Szela, Weaver, Tien, and Sabedra

NAYS: None

DISCUSS BUTTERFLY PARK IMPROVEMENT GOALS

This agenda item was passed for next Recreation and Parks Board Meeting.

ADJOURN

Board Member Weaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Board Member Szela seconded said motion.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sistrunk, Szela, Weaver, Tien, and Sabedra

NAYS: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 P.M.


Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:


Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020 BEGINNING AT 12:00 P.M., AT THE REGULAR MEETING PLACE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 202 NORTH VIRGINIA STREET, PORT LAVACA, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA: (THE RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD WILL CONSIDER/DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY)

1. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND HEAR STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS
2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 18, 2019
3. RECEIVE UPDATE ON PARK ASSIGNMENT FROM PARK BOARD MEMBERS
4. RECEIVE STATUS REPORT ON BAYFRONT PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
5. RECEIVE STATUS REPORT ON LIGHTHOUSE BEACH PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
6. RECEIVE STATUS REPORT ON WILSON PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
7. RECEIVE UPDATE ON CITY PARKS FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
8. DISCUSS RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD VACANCY
9. CONSIDER RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON
10. DISCUSS BUTTERFLY PARK IMPROVEMENT GOALS

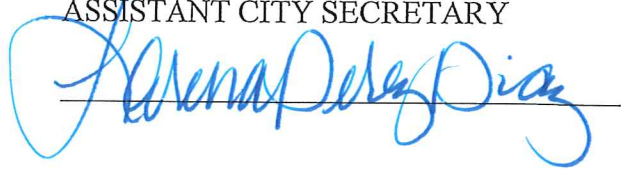
ADJOURN

MAC SISTRUNK, CHAIRMAN

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019, BEGINNING AT 12:00 P.M., WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, AS OF 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020.

LORENA PEREZ-DIAZ,
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY



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