



## **Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes**

**The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 12th day of May 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at The Ridge at Leon Valley Park, 5740 Grass Hill Drive, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238 for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:**

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### **1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.**

Park Commission Chairman Roger Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., with the following members in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Danielle Bolton and Commissioners Carolyn Gabriel, Michelle Alonzo, Joyce Trent, Yvonne Orozco, Diana Frazier, Elaine Valdez, and Kathy Hill. Absent were Commissioners Evan Bohl, and Alternate Commissioners Kerin Friedeck and Drew Power.

Also present at the meeting was Staff Liaison Melinda Moritz. Ms. Moritz explained that Alternate Commissioner Friedeck had given her resignation from the Commission.

### **2. Review and Consider Approval of the April 14, 2022, Park Commission Meeting Minutes.**

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Valdez. The motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Citizens to be Heard.**

Staff Liaison Moritz stated that Leon Valley resident Mr. Daniel Rodriguez had presented a proposal for improvements to the Veteran's Memorial Park area in front of the Community and Conference Centers to the City Council and was told by the City Council to present the item to the Park Commission, but that he was unable to attend the June Park Commission meeting. She explained that he had requested a copy of his presentation be given to each Commissioner for their review for a future meeting. Ms. Moritz explained that his proposal was to construct monuments, with military insignias or plaques, which were to be 4-6 foot tall and also install rock seating, around the patio area below the flagpole. She noted that the item would be placed on the June Park Commission agenda for their recommendation. She then explained that the Park Commission's recommendation for dedication of the area by Ordinance as a park would be on the June 7, 2022, City Council meeting agenda.

#### **4. Reports - Activities or Events that Impact Parks and/or Access to Parks:**

##### **A. Discussion – Huebner Creek Flood Control Project Segment 1.**

Staff Liaison Moritz gave each Commissioner a copy of a proposed flood control project map encompassing the area on Huebner Creek from the Bandera Road bridge to Evers Road, explaining that the project would be divided into three segments, with the first segment being from the Bandera Road bridge to Cherryleaf at Poss Road. She further explained that, should the project be funded, a portion of Raymond Rimkus Park would be affected, noting that a part of the large parking lot, a portion of the walking trail nearest to Poss Road, and the bridges to the large parking lot and small pavilion would be removed and rebuilt in different locations. A general discussion was held regarding the proposed project.

##### **B. Discussion – Hetherington Trail**

Chairman Christensen stated that he had not previously known the exact location of this proposed trail and asked Ms. Moritz to give a brief history of the trail. Ms. Moritz explained that the original developer of the Seneca West neighborhood was Brigadier General Travis Monroe Hetherington, who is now deceased. She further explained that a portion of what was Smith Road had been deeded to the City by B.G. Hetherington's heirs for use as a trail. She noted that a trail surface needed to be constructed and signage installed, along with trash cans and dog waste stations.

#### **5. Commissioner and Staff Comments.**

Commissioner Valdez noted that she had seen the flood control item presented at the City Council meeting and that one of the residents, Mr. Matthew Hodde, had commented that while it might seem unfavorable to tear up Raymond Rimkus Park, the LC-17 flood control project along El Verde Road in his neighborhood had drastically changed the landscape along that area, but that new vegetation had regrown, new trees were planted and the area was restored.

Commissioner Hill announced that the Leon Valley Historical Society's 5K run on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July would be taking the same route as the previous year and she encouraged everyone to participate.

Commissioner Orozco thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts in keeping the parks beautiful.

Commissioner Gabriel noted that she received a flyer for the swim team and noticed the advertisement for the pools in the Lion's Roar newsletter, but that the

newsletter didn't give the opening times. She also noted her agreement with having free swim days at the pools.

Commissioner Frazier stated that she had taken her 16-month-old Grandson to Raymond Rimkus Park and that she liked having the awnings over the play equipment.

Commissioner Alonzo stated that she would like to have the Silo Park placed on a future agenda for discussion on what to do with the silos. She then congratulated Vice-Chair Bolton and Commissioner Valdez on their campaign for municipal office, even though they weren't elected.

Chairman Christensen requested the bond survey results be placed on either the June or July agenda for discussion. He also requested that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration information be placed on the June agenda to keep the Park Commissioners informed of the coming event.

## 7. Adjourn.

Chairman Christensen asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Gabriel. The vote carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

After adjournment, the Park Commissioners and Staff toured the Hetherington Trail.

  
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Roger Christensen, Chairman

  
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