



**Thursday, January 8, 2026
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting**

**Council Chambers
3815 Sachse Road, Building B
6:30 PM**

Parks and Recreation Board meetings are available live and on-demand (<https://sachsetx.swagit.com/live>).

A. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sachse will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, January 8, at 6:30 PM to consider the following items of business:
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

B. Public Comment

The public is invited to address the Board regarding any topic not already on the agenda for action or public hearing. **Comments regarding any discussion-only items on the agenda may be addressed during this Public Comment section.** The time limit is three minutes per speaker. A Public Comment Card should be presented to the acting secretary prior to the meeting. According to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board is prohibited from discussing any item not posted on the agenda but will take comments under advisement.

C. Action Items

Action items are for Board discussion and consideration for action. **The presiding officer will invite comments before the Board votes.** A Public Comment Card should be given to the acting secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

1. Consider approving the November 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

D. Discussion Items

These items are for the Board and staff to discuss as needed. **Comments on Discussion Items should be addressed in the Public Comment Section of this meeting.**

1. Discuss and review the role of the Parks and Recreation Board.
2. Discuss and receive an update on all ongoing Parks Department projects.
3. Receive an update on programs and activities at the Michael J. Felix Community Center.
4. Receive staff updates regarding current activities, special events, and personnel.

E. Adjournment

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this notice of a public meeting was posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act and was posted on the bulletin board, an accessible location at Sachse City Hall, on December 31, 2025, by 12 PM.

Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

Date removed

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C. Action Items

Subject: 1. Consider approving the November 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

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Access Public

Type Action, Minutes

Fiscal Impact None

Recommended Action Approve the minutes as presented.

Goals Provide excellent government services to Sachse citizens.

BACKGROUND

Minutes from the November 13, 2025, Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

State law and Sachse's Charter require minutes to be recorded for public meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes as presented.

File Attachments

- 1. Parks&RecreationBoard_Regular_Minutes_11.13.2025-unsigned

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
NOVEMBER 13, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were: Keith Casey, Susie Whitehurst, Callie Safty, Jason Kelliher, Gregg Woodcock, Lillian Baker, Ian Bailey.

A. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sachse will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, November 13, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following items of business:

Chairperson Whitehurst called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Ms. Whitehurst offered the invocation. Mr. Casey led the United States Pledge, and Ms. Safty led the Texas State Pledge.

B. Public Comment

The public is invited to address the Board regarding any topic not already on the agenda for action or public hearing. **Comments regarding any discussion-only items on the agenda may be addressed during this Public Comment section.** The time limit is three minutes per speaker. A Public Comment Card should be presented to the acting secretary prior to the meeting. According to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board is prohibited from discussing any item not posted on the agenda but will take comments under advisement.

No public comments were offered.

C. Action Items

Action items are for Board discussion and consideration for action. **The presiding officer will invite comments before the Board votes.** A Public Comment Card should be given to the acting secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

1. Consider and elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary for the Parks and Recreation Board.

Ms. Safty made a motion to elect Susie Whitehurst as the Chairperson, Gregg Woodcock as the Vice Chairperson, and Callie Safty as the Secretary of the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Kelliher seconded the motion, and it carried 7 - 0. None voted against.

2. Consider approving the September 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Mr. Casey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Safty seconded the motion, and it carried 7 - 0. None voted against.

D. Discussion Items

These items are for the Board and staff to discuss as needed. **Comments on Discussion Items should be addressed in the Public Comment Section of this meeting.**

1. Discuss and receive an update on all ongoing Parks Department projects.

Ms. Wiseman reported on the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the J.K. Sachse Park playground held on

November 1. Approximately 75 individuals attended the event, which included a brief program and refreshments. Attendees noted that the playground equipment was well received and that the event was successful. Appreciation was expressed to all who participated. Ms. Wiseman also shared that the City recently finalized the purchase of the property adjacent to J.K. Sachse Park. Although no specific development plans have been confirmed, preliminary discussions have included the potential addition of much-needed parking.

2. Receive an update on programs and activities at the Michael J. Felix Community Center.

Ms. Wiseman noted that preparations continued for the Christmas Extravaganza on December 3, which will include a parade at 6:00 PM, tree lighting at 7:00 PM, and activities from 7:00–8:30 PM, such as a snow slide, petting zoo, vendors, s'mores, gym activities, and a visit from Santa. Ms. Wiseman also noted that the Fall-O-Ween event scheduled for October 18 was canceled due to rain; however, the drone show proceeded, drawing approximately 700 attendees and receiving positive feedback.

3. Receive staff updates regarding current activities, special events, and personnel.

Ms. Wiseman announced the recent hiring of Gerardo “Gerry” Hernandez as the new Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces, who started on Monday, November 10. The Parks Department is preparing for winter projects. Board members were reminded that there will be no meeting in December; the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2026. Appreciation was expressed to outgoing board member Mr. Bailey for his service on the Parks and Recreation Board.

E. Adjournment

Chairperson Whitehurst adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.

Susie Whitehurst, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Callie Safty, Secretary

D. Discussion Items

Subject: 1. Discuss and review the role of the Parks and Recreation Board.

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Access Public

Type Discussion, Information

Fiscal Impact None

Recommended Action Review the role of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Goals Provide excellent government services to Sachse citizens.

BACKGROUND

This item is an opportunity to introduce the new Board member and review the role of the Parks and Recreation Board.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no policy considerations affiliated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION

Review the role of the Parks and Recreation Board.

File Attachments None

D. Discussion Items

Subject:	2. Discuss and receive an update on all ongoing Parks Department projects.
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Access	Public
Type	Discussion, Information
Fiscal Impact	None
Recommended Action	Receive and update on all current and ongoing projects.
Goals	Provide a high quality of life environment for families; individuals; businesses; and other organizations in Sachse.

BACKGROUND

Staff will provide an update to the Board on the land acquisition process for the property adjacent to J.K. Sachse Park and the Parks Department winter projects.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no policy considerations affiliated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and update on all current and ongoing projects.

File Attachments None
