

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
JANUARY 8, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026, 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, Danielle Parker, Arora Ngo.

Those absent were: Alex Spencer.

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:

Chairperson Whitehurst called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Mr. Kelliher 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 approving the November 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Vice Chairperson Gregg Woodcock joined the meeting late at 6:36 PM.

Ms. Safty made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Casey seconded the motion, and it carried 6 - 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 review the role of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Board Member Lillian Baker joined the meeting late at 6:41 PM.

Mr. Whitworth introduced himself and provided a brief overview of the Leisure Services Department, which includes Parks, Recreation, the Senior Center, Library, and Animal Services. Board members and the Youth Advisor also provided introductions.

He reviewed the Board's role as an advisory body to the City Council, emphasizing its responsibility to provide input and represent community interests. He cited examples of Board-supported improvements, including enhancements at J.K. Sachse Park, Heritage Park, and Joe Stone Park.

Mr. Whitworth encouraged regular attendance, active participation, and continued collaboration as the City moves forward with park development and future expansion projects.

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

Mr. Whitworth provided an update on current Parks Department projects. Improvements at J.K. Sachse Park are nearing completion, with the playground recently finished and only minor landscaping remaining.

The Municipal Development District (MDD) Board approved the purchase of the adjacent property behind the Montessori School and near the apartment complex. The primary purpose of the acquisition is to provide additional parking, with potential for future park amenities or expansion. No other major park projects are currently underway.

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

Recreation Manager Cynthia Wiseman provided an overview of operations and programming at the Michael J. Felix Community Center. The facility is open 66 hours per week and staffed by four full-time and five part-time employees. The Center offers more than 300 programs annually, with 34–40 classes per week, including ballet, tumbling, art, guitar, and various staff-led youth and teen programs.

Teen programming continues to grow and includes volunteer opportunities, educational workshops, and themed teen nights. Family Fun Nights, Toddler Gym hours, and outdoor T.R.A.I.N. equipment rentals and pop-up park activities at J.K. Sachse Park and Heritage Park were also highlighted.

Upcoming special events include the Daddy Daughter Dance, Easter Egg Hunts, Arbor Day Jubilee, the Summer Nights Concert Series, the Red, White & Blue Blast, the Mother Son Event, and the Christmas Extravaganza. Staff are preparing to release the spring/summer program brochure.

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

Mr. Whitworth reported that next month's Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be canceled due to the State of the City event on Thursday, February 12, which recognizes board members and other organizations. No further staff updates were provided.

E. Adjournment

Chairperson Whitehurst adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM.


Susie Whitehurst, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Callie Safty, Secretary