

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
MARCH 12, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:30 PM at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were: Keith Casey, Susie Whitehurst, Callie Safty, Jason Kelliher, Lillian Baker, Danielle Parker.

Those absent were: Alex Spencer, Gregg Woodcock, Arora Ngo.

A. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sachse will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 PM to consider the following items of business:

Chairperson Whitehurst called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

Board Member Keith Casey arrived at 6:31PM

Mr. Whitworth offered the invocation, and Ms. Whitehurst led the pledges.

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 January 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

Ms. Safty made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kelliher 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. Receive and discuss an update on all ongoing Parks Department projects.

Mr. Whitworth provided updates on Parks Department projects. The pour-in-place playground surface installation at Heritage Park was recently completed following the final walkthrough, replacing the engineered wood fiber surface in the lower playground area. The project was successful, and the park was recently recognized as the "Best Park in Sachse" by the Sachse News.

Mr. Whitworth also announced plans to begin development of a new citywide Parks Master Plan, noting the previous plan was completed approximately 16 years ago. The process will include

public input, Board involvement, and potential resident committee participation to help guide park development priorities for the next 10–12 years.

Additional updates included the splash pad opening on April 1, preparation of the department's upcoming budget, and a reminder for Board members to report park maintenance concerns brought forward by residents.

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

Recreation Manager Cynthia Wiesman provided an update on programs and activities at the Michael J. Felix Community Center. In 2025, the facility recorded over 1,800 memberships (a 9% increase), more than 7,100 drop-in visits, over 33,000 total check-ins (a 10% increase), and more than 3,400 participants in classes and camps (a 7% increase).

Ms. Wiesman highlighted upcoming monthly themed celebrations, ongoing teen programs including Teen RISE and Teen Mechanics, volunteer opportunities, and Family Night events featuring community donation drives. Staff are preparing for major events this year, including the Easter Egg Scramble, Arbor Day Jubilee, Summer Nights Concert Series, Red, White & Blue Blast, Mother/Son event, Fall-O-Ween, and Christmas Extravaganza. She noted that the recent Daddy Daughter Dance set a record with approximately 300 participants, with the next event being the Easter Egg Hunts on March 28.

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

Mr. Whitworth reported that on March 2, the City Council approved the Sachse Service Center, a new facility for Parks, Public Works, and Facility Maintenance, designed by architect Ron Hobbs with staff input. The project received a competitive bid process with over 350 subcontractor bids. The facility, located near the new Animal Shelter, will include dedicated spaces for each department and a remote police dispatch center. Construction is expected to begin within 1–2 weeks and have a projected completion by summer 2027, with a total budget of nearly \$17 million funded by the Utility Fund and General Fund.

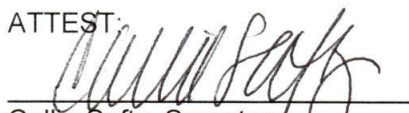
E. Adjournment

Chairperson Whitehurst adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM.



Susie Whitehurst, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Callie Safty, Secretary