

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
APRIL 9, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:30 PM at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were: Keith Casey, Susie Whitehurst, Callie Safty, Gregg Woodcock, Lillian Baker, Danielle Parker.

Those absent were: Alex Spencer, Jason Kelliher, 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, April 9, 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. Ms. Safty led the United States Pledge and Ms. Parker 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 March 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

Ms. Baker made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Safty 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 and operations. The department submitted its budget with less than a 1% increase and planned equipment replacements. Construction of a new Service Center facility near the animal shelter is underway and is expected to take approximately 14 months.

Splash pads at Heritage Park and J.K. Sachse Park have opened for the season. Staff completed multiple winter maintenance projects citywide, including drainage, landscaping, irrigation, and general park improvements.

Mr. Whitworth noted the department is fully staffed entering the summer and staff are pursuing various professional certifications. Additional discussion included high park usage, planned lighting and security enhancements at J.K. Sachse Park, and a proposed ordinance change to adjust park hours to remain open until 11:00 PM.

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. She reported strong attendance at the recent Easter Egg Hunts, with approximately 500 participants at the morning Easter Egg Scramble, 40 at the Egg-cessible Egg Hunt, 60 at the Doggie Bone Hunt, and 600 at the Flashlight Egg Hunt.

Upcoming activities include Toddler Time Open Gym, a Pop-Up Park at Heritage Park, and the Arbor Day Jubilee, which currently has approximately 15 groups and 180 volunteers registered. Additional events include National Gummy Bear Day and the Summer Nights Concert Series kickoff at J.K. Sachse Park.

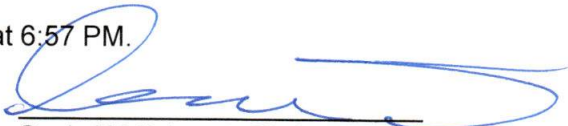
Ms. Wiesman also highlighted continued teen programming, including the Teen RISE Mechanics program, and noted a full schedule of events through the upcoming months.

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

Mr. Whitworth reported no personnel changes and noted that staff updates were previously addressed. He also referenced recent recognitions published in the Sachse News, including "Best Live Music" for the Summer Nights Concert Series, "Best Park in Sachse" for Heritage Park, and "Best Annual Event" for Red, White & Blue Blast, as well as recognition of the Special Events Coordinator Jordan Beaulieu as "Best Municipal Employee" for her contributions to city events.

E. Adjournment

Chairperson Whitehurst adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.


Susie Whitehurst, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Callie Safty, Secretary