

Town of Lafayette
PARKS, RECREATION, TOURISM, LAND USE and PLANNING COMMISSION
June 9, 2025
7:00 PM Lafayette Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Faris at 7:01 PM. The following members were present: Scott Faris, DeWayne Krumenauer, Sue Lane, Neil Mathwig, Doug Matthews, Mark Sedlacek, and Jerry Zais; a quorum was present. Jenna Hazelton was not present; Tourism Commissioner position is vacant.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES & AGENDA

A motion to accept the Agenda for the June 9, 2025 meeting and to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2025 PRTL Regular meeting without correction was made by Sue Lane / Mark Sedlacek; motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

GENERAL PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

EXPEDITED ITEMS

None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Doug Matthews reported that the May 31, 2025 Disc Golf account balance is \$5,456.20 after \$460.00 was spent on the replacement disc target and basket in the past month. The General Use account for May 31, 2025 had expenditures of \$5,000.00 for ball field fencing and \$1,036.44 for fire station planter materials, leaving a balance of \$3,963.56. No new 1st Quarter Room Tax revenue was received. Expenditures included \$11,512.00 for ball field fencing, \$750.00 for the extra Blue Star Marker mounting, and \$4,490.10 for dugout benches. The resulting balance is \$68,928.41. Doug Matthews pointed out the cost of the benches exceeded what was agreed upon at the 8/12/2024 meeting, and \$413.42 was apparently taken to pay for signs that were not authorized by the Commission. Discussion followed regarding closing the Disc Golf Account and returning the remaining money to the Room Tax account. A motion to transfer the \$5,456.20 back into the Room Tax account and to close the Disc Golf account was made by Jerry Zais / Sue Lane; motion passed by unanimous voice vote. A motion to accept the Financial Report was then made by Scott Faris / Jerry Zais; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Recommendations for Uses of the Town Parcel - Scott Faris informed the Commission that the Town Board approved keeping the parcel, and is requesting ideas for uses of it. Approximately 14 area residents were present, and voiced opinions on possible uses; consensus was to maintain the area as natural as possible, but accommodate ATV and other uses. Other specific ideas regarding uses included hiking / cross-country ski trails, a dog walking area, and a space for pick-up football and soccer games. Motorize uses would be kept as far away from the residences as possible, and parking area(s) would be kept small and unpaved. Improvements subject to vandalism would not be made. Following discussion, a motion recommending the Town Board request an estimate for the construction of a 60 ft. x 160 ft. parking lot was made by Jerry Zais / DeWayne Krumenauer; motion failed on a 2 – 4 show of hands vote. A motion to maintain the natural character, while including an ATV trail with access to 210th Street, hiking, biking, dog walking, snowshoeing trails, a small parking area, and other unspecified light rec uses was then made by Sue Lane / Mark Sedlacek; motion passed on a 5 – 1 show of hands vote.

2) 2025 Boat Parade - No report was available. A motion to cancel the parade if plans are not fully ready was made by Mark Sedlacek / Sue Lane; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3) Tourism Commissioner Update - Mr. Seth Gebauer stated he was still interested in applying for the position, but could not locate any application form on the website. No further Commission action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1) SandBar Fireworks Donation – Mr. Seth Gebauer requested \$5,000.00 from the Commission, to help with the planned expenses. Following discussion regarding traffic issues with 50th Ave. being closed, consensus was to recommend traffic be directed east on 50th Ave. to 195th Street, and not north through the residential neighborhood. A motion to make a one-time donation of \$5,000.00 to the SandBar for fireworks expenses was made by Sue Lane / Mark Sedlacek; motion passed on a 6 – 0 roll call vote.

2) New Projects Proposals – Jerry Zais asked if something could be done about the odors from the Rec Building's bathrooms drifting over the picnic area. One suggestion was to have the ventilation fan run continuously during high use times. No further Commission action was taken. Jerry Zais then asked if a PortaPotty could be placed by the pickle ball courts. No further Commission action was taken.

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS & COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE - Meeting date is July 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Lane / Mark Sedlacek; motion passed by voice vote at 8:37 PM.

Submitted for Approval,

Doug Matthews
PRTL Commission Secretary / Treasurer