



City of La Vista

Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

October 18, 2023

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of La Vista convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on October 11, 2023. Simultaneously given to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice is attached to the minutes. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to attendance of the public. Further, all the subjects included in said proceedings were contained in the agenda for inspection within ten working days after said meeting, prior to the convened meeting of said body.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Heather Buller called the meeting to order.

- a. Buller led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Buller made an announcement of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference and read the Emergency Procedures Statement.

2. ROLL CALL

Present was Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Jeff Kupfer, Shaina Owen and Samantha Gentry. Absent: Jason Ryan. City Staff present was Recreation Director Heather Buller, Parks Superintendent Jason Allen, and Administrative Assistant Sue Tangeman.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Kupfer. All aye. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Kupfer. All aye. Motion carried.

5. DISCUSSION, DIRECTION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discussion and Update on the Fall 2023 Parks and Recreation Survey. Heather Buller, Recreation Director

Buller provided an update on the Fall 2023 Parks and Recreation Survey. Surveys were distributed via City website, social media, youth league registrants, fliers at City buildings, City events, and senior program members. The Department's goal is to receive 100 responses. As of October 18, 122 responses were received.

Buller solicited feedback and Chairperson Lodes explained he could not bypass #6, even though it didn't list anything that he had participated in. Therefore, he had to just fill in one of the boxes.

- b. Discussion and Update on the creation of Park & Recreation Advisory Committee By-laws. Heather Buller, Recreation Director

Buller explained the reasoning behind having by-laws for the committee to the new members.

Buller asked how much time would be needed to finish going over the by-laws. Chairperson Lodes stated that Member Kupfer and he had already sent his replies to Tangeman. Members Owen and Gentry said November 15 gave them enough time to review the by-laws.

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Recreation Operations Report: Heather Buller, Recreation Director

Buller discussed the September Manager's Monthly Report, which included the financial highlights, department operations and event results.

- b. Parks Operations Report: Jason Allen, Parks Superintendent

Council approved the road reconstruction through Central Park on October 17.

Estimated to begin in November or December.

Council approved a new mower for the Sports Complex on October 17. This mower has a larger deck than the previous mower, allowing staff to mow more efficiently .

Central Park East playground construction update: new concrete will be poured for a new sidewalk. The construction should be completed this fall.

The totem pole (previously the Christmas tree along Park View Blvd. is now gone due to termites. It will not be replaced.

Renovations on field #3 at the Sports Complex will begin and will be similar to the renovations that took place on field #2.

Some of the park's staff are attending a conference, and we will be hiring a couple more parks staff.

Chairperson Lodes asked if there would be a ribbon cutting for Central Park. Allen stated there are plans to be one when it is finished.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next meeting date will be on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

10. COMMENTS FROM PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Member Gentry made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Member Kupfer. All aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.