



City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
November 19, 2025

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, November 19, 2025.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on November 12, 2025. Simultaneously given to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee, and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt is attached to the minutes. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the members. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to attendance of the public. Further, all subjects discussed in the meeting were contained in the agenda, which was available for inspection within ten working days prior to the meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Director Heather Buller called the meeting to order.

- a. Director Heather Buller announced the location of the Open Meetings Act for public reference and read the Emergency Procedures Statement.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were Members Samantha Gentry, Shaina Owen, Josephine Pohl and Sarah Lara-Toney. City Staff present was Director Heather Buller, Parks Supervisor Aaron Johannsen, and Administrative Specialist Kimmy Ludwick.

Absent was Vice-Chair Pat Lodes and Parks Superintendent Jason Allen.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Member Gentry, seconded by Member Lara-Toney. All aye. Motion approved.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15 meeting. Motion made by Member Owen, seconded by Member Pohl. All aye. Motion approved.

#### **5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Introduction of City Grant Writer/Purchasing Specialist Courtney Ruffcorn. Courtney Ruffcorn, who joined the City on October 6, will assist in identifying external funding opportunities for city projects and programs.
- b. Discussion on Municipal Pool Design. Waters Edge will provide design services for the new Municipal Pool in Central Park West. On November 3, the City received notice to proceed, and the Schematic Design Package is expected on December 19.
- c. Discussion over updated Sports Complex sidewalk project. All sidewalks within the Sports Complex have been replaced with new concrete. The improvements have enhanced drainage in the surrounding area and addressed safety concerns related to uneven surfaces.

#### **6. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Buller gave updates for the Recreation Operations Report
- b. Allen gave updates for Parks Operations Report

#### **7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

#### **8. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next meeting date will be December 17 at 6 p.m.

#### **9. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

#### **10. COMMENTS FROM PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Member Pohl shared her experience going door to door in the neighborhood where City Park is located. She visited 40 houses and half responded. She handed them a flier of the new updates for City Park. Many residents were excited about the updates because they no longer had to walk to the adjacent parks, Triangle Park and Children's Park. Many residents she visited with were aware of the survey that was conducted but did not take the survey.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Pohl made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Member Gentry. All aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.