

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
September 16, 2020

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of LaVista convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Operations Manager Ryan South, Senior Services Manager Kaily Stanley, Admin. Asst. Sue Tangeman, Public Works Parks Foreman Rob George, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer, Brenda Mechels-Stuby and Bobette Jones. Youth & Adult Sports Manager Denny Dinan and Member Nick Moyer were absent.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on September 9, 2020. Simultaneously given to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice are attached to the minutes. 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Director Scott Stopak called the meeting to order.

Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stopak made an announcement of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference and read the Emergency Procedures Statement.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2020 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes.. Seconded by Member Kupfer. All aye. Absent: Moyer. Motion carried.
2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director

Director Stopak introduced the newest member of the Advisory Board, Bobette Jones. Jones stated that she has lived in La Vista for 22 years, and is a retired registered nurse from Nebraska Methodist Hospital. She has been a steady member of the La Vista Senior Center for 5-6 years where she is now on the newly formed Senior Planning Advisory Board. She looks forward to serving on the Park & Recreation Advisory Board member.

David Karlson, Assistant Recreation Director

Our **Virtual Recreation Center** featured a variety videos in August, which include the release of our

- Grab and Go Spy Camp Kits
- #LoveLaVista - Compliments Challenge
- #LoveLaVista - Corn Hole Challenge
- #LoveLaVista – Pool Noodle Javelin Throw Challenge

A video was also released promoting our *La Vista Kids Can Run Club* fall session. This is a running and empowerment program for children of all fitness levels. The programs transforms traditional running games and drills into a fun action filled club.

Session: September 23 - October 14, Program will be held on Wednesday afternoon's, 3:30-4:30pm for 4-weeks outside the La Vista Community Center. Fee is \$40.

Note: All sessions will be held outdoors and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

The “**La Vista 60, Scavenger Hunt**” finished the last week of August with over 80 families turning in their completed forms to win “La Vista 60” t-shirts. The Scavenger Hunt took participants to all of La Vista’s city parks, the City Hall campus and the Library.



Scott Stopak Youth and Adult Sports (reporting for Denny Dinan)

Current Programs

Pre-School Play Time

August Counts:

Adults = 0 Daily average = 0

Children = 0 Daily average = 0

Total August = 0 Daily average = 0 Total Play Time days = 0

Adult Softball season began on June 18 for the senior Mon/Wed evening and Friday morning leagues as well as the new Adult Thursday night double header league. Rather than these leagues having a separate summer and fall season we have just combined them into a season that runs from June 18 through the middle of October.

Youth Fall Flag Football season started on August 8 and will run 8 weeks. Numbers are down considerably due to Covid-19 for La Vista as well as Papillion Rec. Offutt Youth Recreation chose not to play this fall. We were down from 111 players last fall to 68 players this fall.

3-Year Old Fall Soccer Clinic was cancelled due to lack of participation and Covid-19.

Youth Fall Soccer Academy and League began on Sept 8. Participation is down due to Covid-19. We had 38 participants this fall compared to 67 last fall. After talking to several other soccer associations, they have seen a large decrease in participation numbers due to Covid-19.

Fall Adult Volleyball League -Further internal discussions are needed to determine if the gym will be open and available for us to offer this league. Registration is scheduled to begin in September with the league starting on September 23.

Fall Youth Coed Volleyball registration is open for 3rd – 8th grade boys and girls. Final registration deadline is October 5. Games will begin in November. We will partner with BJSA for this league as we have done in the past.

Winter Youth Basketball: Discussions will be taking place soon to determine if/how Covid-19 will impact this league. Internal discussions as well as discussions with PRO, who we partner this league with, will be held.

Submitted by Kaily Stanley, Senior Services Manager

In August, a total of 803 senior's participated in Senior Center programs.

- 376 Grab 'n GO lunches were picked up in August.
- 427 seniors participated in various recreation activities.

The seniors continued to practice social distancing during our programs, which included:

- Tai Chi is back on Tuesday and Thursday mornings,
- Light and Lively Exercise,
- Garden Stone Making,
- Adopt a Senior Program,
- A Senior and Soldiers Pen-pal program,
- Show and Tell and;
- a few themed Jingo games.

We also had entertainment in August, including Merrymakers Joyce Torchia on August 13th, Denell Danner on August 19th, and also a new program *Movies and Popcorn*, with the "Age of Adeline" and "Hamilton" being the two movies that were watched by several of the seniors.

Chairperson Lodes asked if the seniors were coming in to pick up their lunches. Stanley stated that no, they were still driving up on the north side of the building to get their lunches. He then asked about the Merrymaker's concerts in the gym. Stanley said the seniors sit in chairs 6' across, and wear masks. The entertainer does not wear a mask, but he/she is set up to perform quite a distance away from the seniors.

Ryan South, Operations Manager

Ian Parker is our newest employee at the Community Center. He has filled the role of Custodian, a new position at the Center. It is a part time position, from 7:30am-12:30pm. Ian is going to school to become a mechanic/welder, so the possibility of moving on within the City after school will be a possibility for him.

Member Kupfer asked if we were still following the criteria in the Directive Health Measure given by the County and State. South said yes, we do try to follow their guidelines, but also adapt to cater to our own facility. We may follow some of our own restrictions, even though the County and State may have lifted them.

Member Mechels-Struby asked if the gym was going to be open. South said the only program that has been scheduled so far is Women's Volleyball beginning next Wednesday, September 23rd. The City meetings have been held in the gym with Covid-19 and social distancing. However, beginning in October, the City meetings will be held at the City Council chambers again. Discussion will be held on who will be able to utilize the Center beginning in October, hour changes etc.

Rob George, Parks Foreman

George reported that the joint Fall Cleanup for the Cities of La Vista and Papillion, which was cancelled in the Spring due to the pandemic, is scheduled for the week of October 19-25 from 7am-5pm each day at 99th Circle and Portal Road, on the south side of the road just east of Papillion Public Works.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Mechels-Struby asked if there was any updates on the pool. Stopak said that since the presentation to the Mayor and City Council from Waters Edge on August 18 there has been no action taken.

Mechels-Struby asked if the Advisory Board was expected to have input about the pool and parks. Stopak said that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board will be involved and will be able to provide input on all things related to Parks and Recreation.

Chairperson Lodes stated that he felt that was what the Board was for, to be an advisory committee before subjects were decided upon. Lodes said he felt that the Board was not involved with the pool project as much as they should have been and was disappointed. Stopak said the Board is here to provide input and advise on all things related to Parks and Recreation.

Member Mechels-Struby made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Member Jones. All ayes. Absent: Moyer. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.