

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
July 18, 2018

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of LaVista convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Present was Asst. Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Denny Dinan, Parks Foreman Jeff Thornburg, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Greg Johnson, Gene Svensen, Jeff Kupfer and Jonathon Jameson. Director Scott Stopak and Program Coordinator Ryan South were absent.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on July 11, 2018. 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

Asst. Director Karlson called the meeting to order.

Karlson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karlson 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. Asst. Director Karlson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Member Johnson. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director discussed regularly scheduled monthly activities and special events at the Senior Center, and other special events at the Community Center.

June 15 we had our Farmer's Market coupon distribution. The State gave out coupon booklets worth \$48, with each coupon worth \$3. There was a record number of people this year with 54 seniors applying for the coupons. We had enough to give to everyone this year.

Our Senior Meal Site program served 228 meals in June. Our Senior Volunteer program logged 105 hours in June. We had five volunteers this month.

The first Concert/Movie series kicked off on June 8 with the band Silas Creek, and the movie *Wonder Woman* afterwards.

June 21 was the annual Dinosaur Egg Hunt. This is the 11th year of the hunt. The forecasted weather was calling for storms, so it was decided to move it to the Community Center gym. It wasn't raining at the start of the event, so the hunt was held outdoors, then everyone came indoors to crack open the eggs (watermelon) and enjoy eating them. Dino the Dinosaur visited the kids and took pictures with him. There were over 150 kids and parents who attended the event.

Karlson told the Board that Gary Golike, one of the Special Services bus drivers, had resigned as of the end of June. This has left an opening for a bus driver in which the City has posted. We are hoping to fill the position soon.

Karlson reported for Ryan South on Events.

The kickoff of "Our Gathering Place!" was held on June 13 at the Community Center. Our Gathering Place is a mobile monthly community dinner for families with special needs children and teens, which was actually started by a mother from La Vista who had an autistic child. This was their first gathering. The group provided a fantastic meal for the families and gave them an opportunity to meet and socialize with other families and kids, and in a judgement-free zone where they were free to be themselves. Over 175 people attended the event, which included activities, a sensory room, music, and family photos. We have developed a great relationship with Our Gathering Place and we are planning on working together on future events for our community.

Splash Bash took place on Sunday, June 24. We had over 300 people enjoy free admission, a live DJ, games, prizes and free food at the La Vista Pool.

The 4th annual Taste of La Vista event is scheduled for Saturday, July 28 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 p.m. at the Central Park Tennis Courts. Families can experience, ask questions and give feedback on projects such as the Corridor 84 Streetscape Plan, City Centre, Civic Center Park as well as a new Community Interest Survey and others, while enjoying a variety of pizza, beer and root beer samplings from La Vista businesses.

The Urban Scramble Adventure Race will take place on Saturday, August 4. On a 3-4 hour course, teams of two will run, bike and navigate their way through La Vista and Papillion while searching for checkpoints and completing challenges and mystery events. The race will start and end at the La Vista Community Center. We currently have 36 teams registered with a deadline of August 2.

The Pump & Run and 5k Edge Body Boot Camp and the City of La Vista have teamed up once again for the 3rd annual Edge Body Pump & Run and 5k. Pump and Run participants will compete in a bench press competition as well as a 5k run. We also offer the 5k as a separate event for those who just want to run and not participate in the bench press competition. This event will take place on Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6. Registration is open and will close on October 4 at 12:00 noon.

Denny Dinan, Youth and Adult Sports Coordinator.

Pre-School Play Time – June 2018

Adults = 103	Daily average = 13	
Children = 157	Daily average = 20	
Total = 260	Daily average = 33	Total Play Time days = 8
Total May = 279	Daily average = 35	Total Play Time days = 8

The summer season of sports is winding down. Coed T-ball season ended on July 14; the Youth Baseball League tournaments finished up on July 1. Girls Softball League tournaments finished up on June 30.

Adult Softball is now in their 11th week of a 14-week season. Registration is taking place until August 4 for the Fall Softball season.

Fall Flag Football registration ended on July 14. There are a few more spaces we can fill. Teams are being formed, and we are scheduling practices and getting their jerseys ordered. There will be a coaches meeting on July 26, and the season will begin August 11.

Soccer registration runs through August 18 with the season starting on September 4.

The Triple Crown SlumpBuster Youth Baseball Tournament ran from June 13 through June 26 on La Vista fields as well as Council Bluffs fields. There were over 500 teams in this year's tournament. 174 games were played on La Vista fields, and Jeff Thornburg (JT), Tony White and their crews did a fantastic job of having the fields ready and in great shape during the tournaments. We had a couple days

where rain caused some issues and we did have one day as a total washout. On the other days, although the fields were wet, the La Vista crews were able to get them in shape to prevent any further delays. Another time, the Council Bluffs fields could not be prepared so they moved some games to La Vista, as JT's crew was able to get those fields into playing condition for them. Big thanks to the Public Works Parks crews for doing a great job!

Jeff Thornburg, Parks Foreman for Public Works stated that, as Dinan had said, the Slumbuster tournament kept the crew busy but was a great success. They are now busy getting the fields ready for the fall season.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Johnson asked Jeff Thornburg if everything was running ok at the pool. Thornburg said there has been minimal issues this year.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Svensen. All ayes. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.