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City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
July 16, 2014

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 July 16, 2014. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson and Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South; Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Corey Jeffus, Jeff Kupfer and Greg Johnson. Also present: Jeff Thornburg, Public Works. Absent was Member Joe Juarez.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on July 9, 2014. 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 the 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.

Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director 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

Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2014 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Pat Lodes. Seconded by Member Jeff Kupfer. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Stopak welcomed returning Advisory Board Member Greg Johnson. Greg served on the Advisory Board for several years, and has now returned. Greg has been a resident of La Vista for 17 years.

Stopak also reminded the Board the Urban Race is coming up on Saturday August 2, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Community Center. This is the 4th year for the race. So far there are 35 teams registered. We are still taking registrants and volunteers for the race.

The Splash Bash went well, even though there was inclement weather in the morning. The crowd was good, and with a new D.J. this year, and lots of prizes the day was a success. Scott thanked the committee and the Public Works Department for their assistance.

Program Coordinator Ryan South thanked the Public Works Dept. for the hard work they put into the Slump Buster Tournament held at the fields in June. South then reported on current and upcoming sports. Due to rain out make-up games, the Adult Softball season will continue and will tentatively end in mid-August. We are currently taking registrations for our fall season with a registration deadline of August 16th or until the league is full.

La Vista Lancers Soccer League registration ended on June 28th. We extended the deadline almost two weeks, but unfortunately, only received two registrations across all age divisions. With that, we will not have a fall league and will continue to advertise for the spring in hopes of forming more teams.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic will begin the fall season starting in September. Five, one-hour sessions will be held on Saturday mornings. We are currently taking registrations with a deadline of August 16th. 4/5 Soccer Academy & 6/7 Soccer League will continue this fall with registrations well underway. The academy will

meet twice a week for six weeks. Each session will focus on a different soccer skill to help develop each individual player. The deadline for registration will be August 16th.

Fall Flag Football League registration is well underway with a deadline of July 12th or until divisions are full. The fall season will start in August.

Youth Baseball will conclude their season on July 8th. Due to rain outs, we extended tournament play for all divisions slightly. Youth Coed T-Ball had their first games on June 7th. They will continue games through the end of July 25th barring any rain outs.

Youth Softball for ages 8-18 played their final games on June 29th.

Youth Tackle Football and Cheerleading registration is in progress. We will take registrations for both sports through July 12th. We plan to kick the season off on August 1st.

Assistant Director Karlson reported on some of the many events for kids this summer. The Recreation Dept. and Library have teamed together to provide many activities to keep the kids busy over the summer. There are 6 “theme” camps throughout the summer months, each lasting 3-two hour days. June camps included Foodology Camp, Music, Movement and Me Camp, and Color Palooza Camp. In July, we are hosting Sports and Games Camp, Spy Camp and Wacky & Weird Science Camp.

Karlson also reported that we had the largest crowd to date at the outdoor concert and movie which kicked off Friday June 6th. The band Blues House performed prior to the movie “Frozen” which packed in the families.

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported on the Senior Center activities. Wednesday, July 9th Joe Taylor from Merry Makers performed for approximately 25 seniors. Thursday, July 10th 48 seniors went to “Christmas in July” at the Papillion Masonic Temple. The Eastern Star members provided lunch, games, Christmas music and songs. On Monday, July 14th the La Vista Senior Center had a “White Elephant Bingo Day.” Wednesday, July 16th the group went to see “Jersey Boys” at the movies. Thursday, July 17th the seniors have been invited to Corrigan Senior Center for an indoor picnic and music, and on Tuesday, July 29th we have a lunch outing to Famous Dave’s BBQ.

Carstensen also reported that Farmer Market coupons will be handed out soon.

Scott also reported that the City has added a second Special Services Van, to be used on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s, mainly for shopping and/or medical appointments. Carstensen delivered flyers to area assisted living facilities and sent out letters to current and past customers informing people of the added service.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.