

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
October 21, 2015

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 October 21, 2015. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Rich Carstensen, Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan, and from Public Works Rob George. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Joe Juarez, Jeff Kupfer and Greg Johnson.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on October 14, 2015. 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**

Recreation 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. Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2015 meeting and the program information. Motion made by Member Johnson. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

**2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF**

Asst. Recreation Director Karlson reported on Special Events and Programs:

Preschool Playtime Craft Day was held on Tuesday September 10th. 16 preschool and 11 adults made colorful fall trees using create paper and bingo daubers. Discover Play Home School class started again on Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>. 42 kids grades Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade joined us in discovering a variety of games that taught collaboration, cooperation and teamwork. At the same time, we had open play activities for their younger siblings. We had 18 preschoolers and 26 parents attend. Discover Art Home School class was held at the Library on Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>. 28 kids grades kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade joined us in studying Georges Seurats "Pointillism style of Art" then creating several of their own master pieces using pointillism. Our First Inaugural Discover Fall Fest was held at the Community Center on Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup>. The festival celebrated all things fall with fall crafts, the science of why leaves change colors, fall poems and even played a few games of finger football. 36 kids grade kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade participated.

On October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, kids will wear their Halloween costumes for the annual Halloween Story Book Walk outside the library in Southwind Park. Adults will read "The 13 Nights of Halloween" by Guy Visilovich at each stop along the way. We expect a good amount of kids and parents for that event.

A reminder, Halloween Safe Night is on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 4pm at the Rec Center.

Program Coordinator South reported on current sport activities for adult and youth.

Flag Football for grades Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> ended their season on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

4/5 Soccer Academy & 6/7 Soccer League held their last session on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Adult Softball leagues are in their final week. Due to rain outs, the season was extended slightly for some leagues.

Tackle Football & Cheerleading are in week 6 of a 9 week season. Tackle football will end their season on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Youth Volleyball for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> began practicing on September 28<sup>th</sup>. We have two 3/4 grade and two 5/6 grade teams this season. This season we have joined forces with the South Sarpy Volleyball Club to create the South Sarpy La Vista Volleyball League, a cooperative league between South Sarpy and La Vista Rec. We are very excited about this joint league with South Sarpy. The first games of the season will begin on October 17<sup>th</sup>. All 3/4 grade teams will play at the La Vista Community Center and our 5/6 grade teams will play games at both the Community Center and Platteview High School.

Women's Fall Volleyball began their season on October 7th. Each team will play a total of 12 games for the fall season.

Youth Basketball League for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> registration is well underway. Registration will run through November 28<sup>th</sup>. We will once again be participating in the PRO Basketball League this season. Practice will begin in December with games starting in early January.

Youth Basketball Clinic for grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> registration is open. We will take registrations for the clinic until December 26<sup>th</sup>. The clinic will run for 5 weeks on Saturday morning's beginning in January.

Phoenix Futol Club will be holding their annual Socctoberfest Soccer Tourney October 30 – November 1 on our fields at the La Vista Sports Complex.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on activities for the Senior Center and other events.

Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> the Methodist Nursing students came back to visit the La Vista seniors and gave a nice report about Hospice. They also did cholesterol and blood pressure checks and played chair volleyball with the seniors. Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> our group went to Nebraska City. We had lunch at Valentino's, and then went on to the Nebraska City Civil War Museum. After the museum we visited Arbor Lodge orchard and the Kimmel Orchard for apples and other gifts to take home with us. Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Kansas City's Shermie Wiehe from Merry Makers played piano and sang for 35 seniors. He and his bass player, Jess, played a variety of songs and did a great job. Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> the La Vista Senior Center has been invited to "Treasure Island" performed by the PLHS Drama students. Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> we are joining the seniors at the Papillion Senior Center for lunch and to hear Omaha's own Humorist, Joy Johnson, who writes the "Boob Girls" (*Burned Out Old Broads*) novels. She will talk about her books and the lighter side of her life. Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> we will have a Black Jack Tournament. Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> we will have White Elephant Bingo. Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> we will take our monthly trip to the Movies. On a regular basis we have 10-14 seniors go to the movies. Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> the senior center sewing/quilting group took a trip to Hamilton, MO to the Missouri Star Quilting Company and the other local sewing shops, which are also owned by Missouri Star Quilting. It is the hometown of James Cash Penney, founder of J.C. Penney's department stores. While the women hunted for sewing bargains, I studied at the town's history museum.

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> the La Vista Recreation Department along with the Midwest Winds Kite Flyers held the annual One Sky, One World Fall Kite Fly from 12-4 p.m. The temperature was hot but the wind was almost perfect for a great day of kite flying. Kids enjoyed not only flying kites but also took turns playing

under the giant caterpillar and enjoyed the candy they grabbed from the kite candy drop. Everyone young and old had a great time and we look forward to having La Vista's Spring Kite Fly on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Golf Course Services Manager Dinan reported on the La Vista Falls Golf Course for September, 2015:

Golf Rounds September 2015 = 1,699 (- 295 rounds from September 2014)

FootGolf Rounds September 2015 = 260

Total Rounds September 2015 = 1,959 (-35 rounds from September 2014)

Golf Rounds Fiscal Year 14/15 thru Sept. = 16,937 (-271 Golf rounds from fiscal year 13/14)

FootGolf Rounds Fiscal Year 14/15 thru Sept. = 1,614 (+1,614 FootGolf rounds from fiscal year 13/14)

Total Rounds Fiscal Year 14/15 thru Sept. = 18,551 (+ 1343 total rounds from fiscal year 13/14)

September started off hot and humid with the first 6 days being above 90 degrees. During the remaining 24 days there were 9 days of rain, sometimes very heavy, and the course was wet. Conditions for golf were poor. We averaged 55 golf rounds per day yet there were days when we only had 0, 11, 18, 30 and 38 golfers, which resulted in low golf and footgolf rounds for September.

Final Fiscal Year 2014-15 numbers:

Golf: We were 271 rounds short of last years' total but exceeded revenue budget by \$14,403

FootGolf: From May 8 through Sept 31, 2015, we had 1,614 rounds of FootGolf with total revenue of \$12,571.

Total Golf+ FootGolf: Exceeded last years' total round count by 1,343 total rounds and exceeded revenue budget by 12% or \$26,975.

The following events are scheduled for October:

Oct 4: Kerri Kelly	= 25 Golfers
Oct 11: Omaha Pioneers	= 6 FootGolfers
Oct 17: Club House Rental	= 4 hrs. (Birthday Party)

Director Stopak reminded the Board of the Tree felling that will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. They will be cutting down La Vista's tree that is normally used for the holiday decorations. A smaller tree will be used in its' place. Part of the stump will remain and will be carved into a wooden tree.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Johnson asked if the field at City Park was finished. Stopak said they were still working on it. The press box would be finished next year. Bad weather this year interfered with getting it done.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Juarez. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.