

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
November 16, 2011

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 November 16, 2011. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South. Advisory board members present were Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes, Corey Jeffus, Jeff Kupfer and George Forst III. Also present: Brian Lukasiewicz, Public Works. Absent were Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson and Member Shannon Wiig.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on November 10, 2011. 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 Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Lodes.

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 made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Forst. Motion carried.

Member Forst made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2011 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak reported that the first meeting for the Civic Center Master Park Plan was held yesterday, November 15, 2011, with 24 committee members in attendance. There will be an open community meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The public will be able to express their ideas, concerns, etc. about developing the La Vista Falls golf course into a park area.

Stopak announced there is a new resident membership card available. This is a monthly (4 week) membership, which can be purchased for multiple months at \$25 per month. This membership includes unlimited access to the fitness room, gym, game room and racquetball/walleyball room. For the racquetball/walleyball room, one guest is permitted with the cardholder for \$3, which is half the normal rate of the room.

Stopak reported for Assistant Director Karlson, who is attending an out-of-town conference this week. Halloween Safe Night was held on Monday, October 31, 2011. An estimated record crowd of over 1,000 children and parents attended. Over 28 businesses and organizations handed out candy and the La Vista Volunteer Fire Association served over 700 hot dogs (a record!) Thanks to everyone who helped out and attended the event.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on the November activities for the Senior Center. On November 9, Walgreen representatives presented information to twenty two seniors about their Medicare Part D. It was informative, and they answered questions and gave tips to the seniors.

On Veteran's Day, Friday, November 12, the seniors went to Piccolo Pete's for lunch. On Monday, November 14, we had Cute & Cuddly Bingo. Most seniors brought a stuffed animal to give as a prize, but a couple of the guys brought DVD's, such as John Wayne, to give away. That was a big hit!

Today, Wednesday, November 16, we attended the Manley Loft Theater for their high school plays. It was very enjoyable.

On Tuesday, November 22, we are taking a trip to Dodge House in Council Bluffs to see the holiday decorations. On Wednesday, November 23, we will have our Thanksgiving luncheon, provided by ENOA.

Carstensen also reported that he attended the National Parks & Recreation conference from October 31 to November 3 in Atlanta, GA. It was very informative, and brought back a lot of ideas for activities for the seniors. Also, Tony Hawke was the key note speaker for the conference. He discussed the need for skate parks and other activity-driven parks for the kids. He has donated several thousand dollars to low income areas to help build skate parks.

Program Coordinator South reported that Lancer soccer ended on October 31. Coach Mike Muckey's team will be competing in an indoor league at Offutt from November 12 to December 17. Tackle football ended on November 6 and they had a football/cheerleader banquet last Sunday to cap off the season.

Youth volleyball continues until November 26. Women's volleyball is in its seventh week of a fifteen week season.

Youth 3/4 and 5/6 grade basketball registrations are currently being taken. The deadline is November 26. Basketball clinic registrations are also being taken, with the deadline December 12. Men's basketball league registration deadline is December 3, with the season beginning January 8, 2012.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice-Chairman Lodes asked Program Coordinator South what league the youth basketball plays in. South said that he is currently working on arrangements to stay in the PRO league. If that does not work out, we will have to look for another alternative.

Member Jeffus asked if there had been any thought to have co-ed basketball for the younger group. South said that would be something to think about, since there are usually not enough girls to have an in-house league.

Stopak reminded the Board of the annual Tree Lighting Celebration on Monday, November 28.

Brian Lukasiewicz also reminded everyone of Santa's Sleigh Ride on Sunday evening, November 27. Public Works is getting the sleigh ready, and also have finished decorating the tree Santa will help light at the celebration on Monday.

Vice-Chairman Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Forst. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.