

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
November 14, 2012

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 14, 2012. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South, Advisory Board members Jeff Kupfer, Corey Jeffus and Russ Wigg. Also present: Brian Lukasiewicz, Public Works. Absent were Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen, Members Pat Lodes and George Forst.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on November 8, 2012. 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.

Recreation Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recreation 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

Recreation Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2012 meeting. Motion made by Member Kupfer. Seconded by Member Wiig. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Recreation Director Stopak informed the Advisory Board of the Tree Lighting celebration on Monday, November 26, 2012. Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson will provide more information. Stopak also reported that the Remote Control airplane fliers have switched some of the airplanes that are flying over the game room, and have a sheet at the front desk describing the airplanes and who built them.

Rich Carstensen is out of the office on paternity leave until mid-January. David Karlson will be overseeing the senior center program while he is gone.

Stopak thanked the Public Works Dept. and the La Vista Police Dept. for the work they did for a Phoenix Soccer Tournament on October 27-28. This was the largest soccer tournament La Vista has hosted, and everyone involved was very pleased and expressed their wish to return next year.

Program Coordinator Ryan South also expressed his thanks to Brian Lukasiewicz and Public Works for their hard work for "Socctoberfest", the 2-day Phoenix Soccer tournament in October. He said it was a great success and Phoenix Soccer was very pleased and would like to come back next year.

La Vista Lancers Soccer League concluded their season during the first week of November. The girls under 9 Lancer Soccer team finished in 1st place this fall with an 8-0 record (not one team even scored on them), and girls under 12 came in 2nd place with a 6-1 record. Congratulations to both teams for a terrific season!

Adult Softball concluded their fall season on November 1st.

Tackle Football and Cheerleading wrapped up their season on November 4th. We held our annual football banquet at the Community Center on November 11th. The Football Booster Club provided food and entertainment for the players and their families. They also provided trophies and awards to the players and cheerleaders which were presented by the coaches.

Youth Volleyball for boys and girls grades 3rd – 6th are in their last week of regular season play. Tournament play will begin on December 1st and conclude on December 15th. Our teams have really enjoyed playing with PRO this season and we plan to continue to play with them in the future.

Women's Fall Volleyball is in week 7 of a 14 week season.

Youth Basketball League for grades 3rd – 8th registration is still open. Registration will run through November 24th. We will once again be participating in the PRO Basketball League this season. Practices will begin in late December with games starting mid-January.

Youth Basketball Clinic for grades 1st & 2nd registration is open. We will take registrations for the clinic until December 15th. The clinic will run for 5 weeks on Saturday morning's beginning in January.

Men's Basketball League registration is now open for men 18 and older. We are taking registrations until December 8th. Games will begin in January on Sunday afternoons/evenings.

Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson reported for Rich Carstensen on the Senior Center. The lunch program and some of the activities will continue while Carstensen is on paternity leave. Lunch is Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Seniors will continue to play Bingo and chair volleyball. On November 6, the seniors visited Montclair Senior Center. Before lunch, about 40 seniors from both centers played chair volleyball. On Wednesday, November 21st, the seniors will enjoy their Thanksgiving luncheon.

Karlson discussed the Tree Lighting Celebration in greater detail. It will begin with Santa throwing magic dust on the tree outside to light it up. That will be followed by a soup supper inside the Community Center, along with Santa's village and plenty of entertainment. It is a great annual family event.

Some other winter activities for the kids will be held in conjunction with Jodi Linhart, Assistant Library Director. There will be a library open house, making gingerbread houses, cookie decorating after preschool playtime and a Little Chef's class. This year, we are going to have a class for school age kids, as parents have expressed a wish for this.

Director Stopak announced the Community Center Thanksgiving holiday hours: closing at 5pm on Wednesday the 21st, and closed Thursday (22nd) and Friday (23rd). Normal hours will resume on Saturday, November 24th.

Stopak also stated that the City Council meeting is on Tuesday, November 20. On the agenda is the discussion of the Panthers Baseball merger decision and field usage fees.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Brian Lukasiewicz reported that the tree outside will be decorated with lights on Thursday, November 15th.

Greg Hatt, of La Vista, spoke to the Advisory Board about the closing of La Vista Falls Golf Course. He is adamantly against changing the golf course into a park. He said the revenue and rounds report is not correct, and by his estimation the figures are not as high as they should be for this past fiscal year. He stated that he was going to show the report to John Gale (Nebraska Secretary of State), and that the City would be audited.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No comments.

Member Kupfer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.