

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
August 17, 2016

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 August 17, 2016. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan, Program Coordinator Ryan South, and from Public Works Jeff Thornburg. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Gene Svensen and Joe Juarez. Absent was Member Jeff Kupfer.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on August 10, 2016. 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

Director 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 and Program Information from the July 20, 2016 meeting. Motion made by Member Johnson. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. All Aye. Motion carried.

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

Director Stopak informed the Board that Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen had resigned from the Recreation Department. Stopak said they are in the process of re-evaluating the position. In the meantime, Asst. Director Karlson is overseeing the Senior Center program and the Special Services bus program, with other staff helping out.

Stopak also reported on the "Urban Race", the Multi-Sports Complex, the ground breaking for the Papillion-La Vista Softball home field, a free day of golf at La Vista Falls, and the new "Pump & Run" event.

- The Urban Race was held on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. It was the best year ever, with 40 teams of 2 participating. There were four challenges this year, one at Edge Body Boot Camp, Defy Gravity, Papio Fun Park, and one with the Papillion Fire Dept. There was a lot of community support, and Stopak asked Jeff Thornburg to pass along a big thank you to the Public Works Dept. for their help during the adventure race. Golf Course Services Manager Dinan took care of the post-party at the golf course and did a great job.
- The Nebraska Multi-Sports Complex ground-breaking ceremony is on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Asst. Director Karlson will attend, and Program Coordinator South will be helping with the logistics of the event.
- The ground-breaking ceremony for the Papillion-La Vista Monarchs Softball team's home field, located at City Park on 78<sup>th</sup> Street and Josephine is being held on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be between the Jr. Varsity and the Varsity games, at approximately 4:30-5:00pm. They actually started playing on the fields last year, but it was not completed until this year. Around \$500,000 worth of improvements were made by the school district to the field.

- There will be an entire day of free golf for the public on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at La Vista Falls. The golf course will be closing on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- A new event, the “Pump & Run” will be on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. A new business in La Vista, Edge Body Boot Camp, will be a part of this event, whereas the participants will go to Edge Body on Friday and bench press a percentage of their own body weight. This will reduce their run time by 1 minute per repetition at the remainder of the event, the 5k run which will be on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at La Vista Falls Golf Course. Infusion Brewery will be at the event, serving beer to the participants during and after the race on Saturday.

Assistant Director David Karlson reported on special programs, events and the Senior Center.

- Preschool Playtime met 8 times in July with a 120 preschoolers and 83 adults. This is an average of 15 preschoolers and 10 adult attend each session.
- Preschool Play Time Craft day had 17 preschoolers and 12 parents create colorful dragonflies.
- The Mini Summer Camp “Have a Ball Camp” was held on July 6-7. We had 30 kids ages 4 to 7 years old joining us for two afternoons to learn the basics of throwing, catching, bouncing, shooting and kicking a variety of balls.
- The July “Pick-a-Park story-time” on July 11 had 12 people attend our preschool story-time at Ardmore Park. Our Preschool Super Hero Training Course July 12 was a huge success with over 30 preschool attending and 20 adults accompanying them. Our mini super hero’s jumped a fire pit, crawled through a bat cave, navigated the shark tank plank, and more! La Vista’s Outdoor Concert and Movie Night on July 15 featured the band “Charm School Drop-outs” performing to a crowd of around 300 people. That was followed by the movie “The Good Dinosaur”. The number of people for the concert is good, but the last couple of these events, more families are showing up for the movie later on in the evening.
- Our annual Hydrant Party was held on Friday, July 22 and we couldn’t have picked a better day with temperatures topping out at close to 100 degrees. Over 89 people joined us!
- Our second annual Family Storytime at the Pool was held on Thursday, July 28. This event provided people with La Vista Library Cards the opportunity to get into the pool for free. We had dozens of kids and family members join us for story-time and treats during the hourly breaks.
- Throughout each month, seniors are able to attend a lunch catered by Valley Food Services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They can play Bingo on Mondays and Friday, Chair Volleyball on Wednesday and Friday’s, participate in Tai Chi on Mondays and Thursdays, join our quilting/sewing/knitting-crocheting group each Wednesday, and play Pinochle on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
- Mayor Doug Kindig hosted an Independence Day Celebration Pot Luck Lunch for our Seniors. Following lunch, the Mayor gave a presentation on the new City Centre development. The seniors were very interested, and had about 45 minutes worth of questions for the Mayor after his presentation.
- On July 14<sup>th</sup> dozens of our Seniors attended a Christmas in July Lunch at the Papillion Masonic Temple.
- Merry Makers performer Joyce Torchia performed for the seniors on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Program Coordinator Ryan South reported on Youth and Adult Sports programs and special sports events.

- Flag Football for grades Kdg. - 6<sup>th</sup> began practicing on August 1<sup>st</sup> and will have their first games on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The season will run through October 8<sup>th</sup>. We have over 90 players and 9 teams playing this fall. We are up 10 players and 1 team from fall 2015!
- 3-Year Old Soccer Clinic will begin the fall season starting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. This program will run for 5 weeks. Pat Lodes will again be coaching the team.

- 4/5 Soccer Academy & 6/7 league registrations will end this Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. The academy & league meet twice a week for five weeks with the first training session being held on September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Adult Softball for the spring/summer season will conclude this Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Our fall season will begin this Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Youth Volleyball registration for boys and girls grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> will run through September 10<sup>th</sup>. We plan on teaming up with South Sarpy again this year and playing another season in the South Sarpy La Vista Volleyball League (SSLV).
- Registration is now open for our youth Basketball League and Coed Basketball Clinic. Registration will run through November 19<sup>th</sup> for Basketball League and December 31 for Basketball Clinic.
- We are again teaming up again with the Sarpy County Tourism Department to offer the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. This is a national skills competition for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 15. It is one of the world's largest youth sports participation programs with thousands of boys and girls taking part each year. They will be in five separate age divisions (6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14-15)- competing against each other in punting, passing and place kicking in a fun and engaging forum. The program is free – both to organizers who host a local competition and to every youngster who wants to participate! We have timed this event to be held in conjunction with our youth flag football games. Last year was a great success and we are expecting even more participation this year!

Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan reported on rounds and activities at La Vista Falls Golf Course for the month of July.

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| ➤ Golf Rounds July, 2016              | = 2,643 (-235 Rounds from July, 2015)  |
| FootGolf Rounds July, 2016            | = 187 (-79 Rounds from July, 2015)     |
| Total Rounds July, 2016               | = 2,830 ( -314 Rounds from July, 2015) |
| ➤ Golf Rounds FY 15/16 through July   | = 12,172 (-378 Rounds from FY 14/15)   |
| FootGolf Rounds FY 15/16 through July | = 507 (-424 Rounds from FY 14/15)      |
| Total Rounds FY 15/16 through July    | = 12,679 (-802 Rounds from FY 14/15)   |

July's temperatures were not that bad, as it only reaching above 90 degrees on 8 days and never reached 100 degrees. However, the humidity was awful, and on 18 days it was very uncomfortable just to be outside, let alone golfing! That really impacted the round counts.

During the month of July, La Vista Falls had several outings:

3 golf outings:

- Parks Family outing (28 rounds)
- Andy's Place (36 rounds)
- Waldo's Pub (72 rounds)

1 Glow Ball outing:

- 31 rounds

3 FootGolf outings:

- Trumble Park Kids Club (34 FootGolfers)
- G. Stanley Hall Kids Club (36 FootGolfers)
- Football for The World Foundation (28 FootGolfers)

August currently has 4 Golf outings scheduled.

## COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

## COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Johnson asked what the football fields were going to be used for since we don't have tackle football anymore. Program Coordinator South answered that we would be renting those fields for soccer.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Juarez. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:22 p.m.