

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
July 20, 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 July 20, 2016. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan and from Public Works Rob George. Advisory Board Members present were Members Jeff Kupfer, Greg Johnson Gene Svensen. Absent were Program Coordinator Ryan South, Chairperson Pat Lodes and Member Joe Juarez.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on July 13, 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 June 15, 2016 meeting. Motion made by Member Johnson. Seconded by Member Kupfer. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak reported to the Board some of the upcoming events.

The La Vista Urban Adventure Race will be held on Saturday, August 6th. As of this date, there are 40 teams of 2 registered to participate.

A new event will be the "Pump & Run" on Saturday, October 1st. 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, a 5k run which be on Saturday, October 1st at La Vista Falls Golf Course.

Saturday, July 30 is Taste of La Vista at Central Park from 4pm to 7pm. This is the second year for this event that invites residents of La Vista to come down to the park and respond to visions, goals and policies for the future with a photo booth, giant puzzle and other fun activities. Also, they will enjoy a variety of pizza, beer and root beer samplings from La Vista businesses including A&W, Godfather's, Lucky Bucket, Valentino's, Mama's, Nebraska Brewing, and Pizza West.

Stopak also told the Board that the next Comprehensive Planning meeting would be on Monday, August 1st. The Park & Recreation Advisory Board members would be getting an invitation. Members of city staff will also be present.

Director Stopak discussed the program information reported by Ryan South, Program Coordinator. He said the summer sports are winding down, and South is getting ready for the fall sports.

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

Special Programs and Events

Preschool Playtime met 9 times in June with 115 preschoolers with 87 adults attending. We are still offering Preschool Playtime Evenings, but have been slow to take off this summer. Will continue the rest of the summer. The Preschool Play Time Craft day had 12 preschoolers and 9 parents.

The new program "Pick-a-Park Story Time" was held at Giles Corner Park in June. Two families joined in the fun. The July Pick-a-Park story-time picked up more families with 12 people attending.

Our annual "Dinosaur Egg Hunt" was held in Southwind Park. We had over 200 young explorers and their families join us to hunt for giant dinosaur eggs (watermelons). Everyone had a good time, and it is a great event for the kids.

Three mini summer camps were held in June. Each camp had 30 to 36 kids participate. They were "Nature Adventure Camp", "Garden Adventure Camp" and "Sports of Sorts" camp. This is the third year for the camps.

La Vista's *Outdoor Concert and Movie Nights* kicked off the summer on June 24th with the band "Blue House" performing to a crowd of around 300 people followed by the "Minions" movie.

The La Vista Library and Recreation Department teamed up for a Race Car themed preschool party, which had over 80 kids plus parents attend.

On Tuesday morning, June 28th, Ryan South and I provided an enrichment program for the Papillion-La Vista Elementary Schools summer school program. Children from each class got a 20-minute break from their studies to join us for Hot Wheel racing. They had a lot of fun getting a break during the school morning!

Karlson discussed the comparison spreadsheet for all his programs that have occurred in the last 2 years.

Senior Center

Throughout the month, the seniors attend lunches on Monday, Wednesday's & Friday's, catered by Valley Food Services. They also play Bingo on Monday's and Friday's, Chair Volleyball Wednesday's and Friday's, and cards each lunch day. Tai Chi class, which is offered on Monday's and Thursday's, ran through June, but are taking off for the month of July. On Wednesday's at 9am, we have a group that meets for quilting, sewing, knitting and crocheting, or any craft that you enjoy working on. We also, play Pinochle on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Thursday, June 9th was our annual Farmers Market Coupon day. The program provides qualified, low-income seniors in the area a chance to hear important nutritional information and receive \$48 worth of coupons that may be used at local farmers' markets to purchase fresh produce. Last year we received 33 booklets of coupons, this year we received enough for 36 people! We had plenty of coupons for those who attended, with a couple left over. Those extra booklets were given to people who inquired about them after that day.

Our monthly senior outing took a vanload of women to the Russell Stover's Chocolate and Ice Cream Store. The trip was a huge success with everyone raving about the incredible sundaes covered in Russel Stover's homemade hot fudge! They want to make plans to go there again soon.

Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan reported on rounds and activities La Vista Falls Golf Course.

Golf rounds June 2016	= 2,610 (-84 rounds from June 2015)
FootGolf rounds June 2016	= 69 (-335 rounds from June 2015)
Total Rounds June 2016	= 2,679 (-419 rounds from June 2015)

Golf rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru June	= 9,529 (-143 golf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
FootGolf rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru June	= 320 (-345 FootGolf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
Total rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru June	= 9,849 (-488 total rounds from fiscal 14/15)

June was a hot and humid, with the temperature reaching 90 degrees or above on 14 days of the month. Surprisingly, the weather seemed to affect more of the FootGolf rounds than it did the golf rounds.

During the month of June, we had:

2 golf outings (Poop Deck Bar, 1st Baptist Church)
1 Glow Ball outing (Leesley Glow Ball outing)

For the month of July, we currently have scheduled:

3 golf outings
1 Glow Ball outing
3 FootGolf outings

May Outings:

3 Golf outings (Darby's Tavern, Czech Club, Tubbs family)
1 FootGolf outing (Lincoln Financial)
1 Glow Ball outing (Salute to Summer)
1 Club House rental (High School Graduation Party)

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Kupfer commented to Rob George, Public Works, that the landscaping around the outskirts of the City Hall/Community Center property looks great, particularly around the carved tree on the corner and the Blue Star Memorial area.

Member Kupfer motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.