

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
May 18, 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 May 18, 2016. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Ryan South, Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan, and from Public Works Brian Lukasiewicz. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Joe Juarez, Jeff Kupfer and Gene Svensen.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 11, 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 from the March 16, 2016 meeting and the program information. Motion made by Member Kupfer. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried.

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

Director Stopak updated the Board members on the upcoming events during Salute to Summer May 26-May 29, beginning with the Blue Star Memorial ceremony and the Hot Wheels Races on Thursday night, the Community Cookout with free food, concert, climbing wall, bounce houses and more on Friday night, the Mayor's Luncheon on Saturday morning, the parade at 1pm on Saturday, and the Glow Ball tournament on Saturday night. On Sunday, the Salute to Summer events will end with a free Pool Party from 1-3pm with a D.J.

Stopak also discussed the proposed dog park at Centennial Park. Public Works marked off the area for the dog park, so the Mayor and City Council members could see it during their annual park tour on May 10. Member Kupfer asked if it was actually decided upon at that park, and Stopak reminded the Board that that was their recommendation several years ago. That park was determined to be the site, however, funding has to be approved by Council. There will also be public input beforehand, and that would probably help City Council in determining whether to approve or not. Stopak wanted the Advisory Board members to be aware that they may receive questions from public on the matter.

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

Preschool Playtime met 8 times in April had an average of 22 preschoolers and 17 adults attending each day, making a total of 307 people for the month. Preschool Story Time and Sing-a-long met the first Thursday in April and had 24 kids and 16 adults attend. Preschool Play Time Craft Day on April 28, we had 40 preschoolers and 32 parents create May Baskets. 22 kids and 18 parents attended our "Fly-in Movie and Craft Day" on April 21. The participants created several airplane crafts and a colorful

helicopter while we watched the Disney movie “Planes”. Discover Electricity Class had 14 kids (ages 7 to 12) learn about electrical engineering by creating different circuit boards using “Snap Circuits”. They were able to build working speakers, lights, fans, and even launch a helicopter.

A short summary for April at the Senior Center. Mayor Dough Kindig hosted the Mayor’s Spring Fling Pot Luck luncheon on April 13 with Mayor Kindig himself cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. After lunch, John Worsham from Merry Makers performed; and, the Nebraska Visiting Nurses called Bingo. On Tuesday, April 19, the seniors enjoyed lunch at Stella’s Café in Bellevue. Wednesday, April 20, Volunteers Assisting Seniors (VAS) visited the Center after lunch to answer questions and register eligible seniors for Homestead Exemptions. Monday, April 25 Brenda Chappell spoke on behalf of the hearing impaired, and advised the seniors on how they can get phones and other devices to help with their hearing difficulties. April 27, for their monthly movie outing, the seniors went to see the classic remake of the *Jungle Book*.

Program Coordinator South reported on current adult and youth sports programs.

Adult Softball teams are in week 7th of a 14-week season. Due to rainouts, the season will be extended slightly.

La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy and 6/7 Youth Soccer League concluded their season on Saturday, May 7.

Spring Flag Football League is in week 7th of an 8-week season. They are scheduled to finish up on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Baseball started their regular season games the week of May 1. They will play games through June with tournament play starting on June 20 for our Yearling teams and June 27 for our Mustang and Bronco teams.

Youth Softball for ages 7-18 is in week 3rd of an 8-week season. Their games are held on Fridays and Saturdays. Their regular season will run through June 25 with tournament games beginning on June 27.

Youth Coed T-Ball for ages 5 & 6 will begin practicing in late May with games starting in June. Registration will end on Saturday, May 14. T-ball will be played in-house with games being held on Saturdays at La Vista City Park.

Fall Adult Softball registration will open on May 16 and run through August 6. Games will tentatively begin on August 21.

Fall Sports Registration is now open for the following fall sports: Flag Football, 3-Year Old Soccer Clinic, 4/5 Soccer Academy and 6/7 League and Coed Youth Volleyball.

Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan discussed rounds for golf, footgolf and other activities for the golf course.

Golf Rounds April 2016	= 1,370 (-14 rounds from April 2015)
FootGolf Rounds April 2016	= 48 (+48 rounds from April 2015)
Total Rounds April 2016	= 1,418 (+34 rounds from April 2015)

Golf Rounds fiscal year 15/16 thru April	= 4,482 (-469 golf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
FootGolf Rounds fiscal year 15/16 thru Apr	= 166 (+166 FootGolf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
Total Rounds fiscal year 15/16 thru April	= 4,648 (-303 total rounds from fiscal 14/15)

April turned out to be a windy & rainy wet month. From April 18-30, there was 5 days where it was too wet to allow golf carts to be used, which then resulted in low round counts.

As of May 7, the Wednesday night women's golf league and the Friday morning men's league have not started their league yet because of being rained out twice. The Tuesday night Men's league has been lucky and have been able to play both their scheduled nights.

Brian Lukasiewicz, Public Works Park Foreman updated the Board on the work the Parks crew have been doing the past month, and upcoming events that are keeping the Parks Dept. busy. They are currently installing 6 flag poles for the Blue Star Memorial, and have landscaped the area around the memorial. Lukasiewicz also discussed grants they were applying for, and the Public Works Expo on June 11, which is open to the public.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Kupfer asked if the pool was opening this year, and what were the plans for the pool in the future? Stopak said that a bond issue was put to a vote by the citizens two times in the past, and both times the bond failed. Now with Nebraska Multi-Sport Complex plans announced, La Vista residents will be able to utilize the facilities when it opens taking the place of the City pool. The plans now are to close the pool once that complex is finished, which will be 1-2 years from now. This timeline is dependent on our city pool still being able to operate during that time period. This year everything is going well, and it is functioning properly.

Member Svensen asked Stopak if he had ever talked to the City of Omaha on their dog parks, and how they were doing, in their opinion. Stopak said he had not, and that was a good idea. He would follow up on that.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Juarez. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.