

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
May 17, 2017

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 17, 2017. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Denny Dinan, Rob George, Public Works Parks Dept. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Gene Svensen, and Jeff Kupfer.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 10, 2017. 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 March 15, 2017 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Svensen. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

- Assistant Director Karlson reported on special programs, events and the Senior Center.
 - Preschool Playtime met 9 times in April and had 217 preschoolers and 170 adults with an average of over 24 preschoolers and 19 adults attend each session.
 - Ms. Jen from the Library hosted her monthly Preschool Story-time and Sing Along on the first Thursday of the month and had 20 preschoolers and 14 parents attend.
 - Preschool Egg Decorating had 34 preschoolers and 28 adults participate.
 - The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday April 15; with the near perfect weather, we once again drew a huge crowd.
 - The Arbor Day celebration was held on April 28, and had a crowd of over 40 preschoolers and adults joining us for an outdoor story-time and tree planting. The new tree planted this year was donated by Modern Woodmen of America. Bob Dreessen from TD2 Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors was our guest story-

time reader. TD2 has been a great friend to the City of La Vista for many years. This year marks the company's 50th year in business, and to help celebrate they have donated 25 trees to La Vista. After the story, we had a small gift for all of the kids who attended. Some of the people then joined us down at City Park where the City planted TD2's trees along Thompson Creek.

Senior Center

- Throughout the month, for a small donation, Seniors are able to enjoy a wonderful lunch catered by Valley Food Services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They also play Bingo on Mondays and Fridays, Coloring Book Club on Monday morning, Chair Volleyball on Wednesdays and Fridays, participate in Tai Chi on Tuesday's and Thursday's, and play Pinochle on the first and last Wednesdays of the month. Seniors may also join in on the Quilting and Sewing group on Wednesdays, and Book Club on Friday mornings. On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness Senior CARE Clinic is at the Center, providing foot care and other miscellaneous health care to seniors for a minimal fee.
 - Our new program "Book Time for Adults" is continuing to grow as Ms. Marjie Shaw from the library comes in every Friday morning to read short stories and poems to the seniors.
 - On Wednesday, April 5, four nursing students from Methodist Nursing School came and performed blood pressure check for the seniors.
 - On Wednesday, April 12, our monthly Senior Foot care and Wellness clinic had nine seniors participate.
 - On Wednesday, April 12 Merrymakers performer John Worsham performed for 26 seniors.
 - On Wednesday, April 19, the same nursing students from Methodist that came on April 5, visited the senior center again to make a presentation on joint care to a group of 24 seniors. In addition to the presentation, they also performed blood pressure and glucose tests.
 - On Tuesday, April 25, 12 seniors joined us on our monthly movie outing to see the movie "A Dogs Purpose".
- Denny Dinan, Recreation Dept. discussed youth and adult sports, and special events.
- Adult Women's Volleyball: We are in week 6 of a 7-week new Spring Volleyball session. We have 8 teams, 5 of which are returning teams and 3 are new teams.
 - Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit & Run Competition was held on Saturday, April 22 at 11a.m. at the La Vista Sports Complex. This is was our 2nd PH&R event that we again hosted in conjunction with Sarpy County Tourism. We had 10 participants. Next year we plan on getting additional baseball groups involved such as Papillion Recreation Organization and the Ralston Area Baseball Association, which should help us to increase the number of participants.
 - Youth Boy's Baseball: We have a total of 7 teams with 93 kids: Games start on April 29. We have two 7/8 Yearling teams, two 9/10 Mustang teams, 2 – 11/12 Bronco teams and one 13/14 Pony team.

- Youth Spring Co-ed Flag Football: We have a total of 6 teams and 67 kids. Games started on Saturday, April 22: We have two K-2 grade teams, three 3/4 grade teams, and one 5/6 grade team.
 - 3-Year Old Soccer Clinic: The season finished on April 29. We had 12 kids participating in the clinic.
 - 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy & 6/7 Youth Soccer League: Finished the season on May 9. We had 56 kids participating in the 4/5 academy and 27 kids participated in the 6/7 league this spring. On Saturday, May 6 we had a La Vista Police Dept. motorcycle and cruiser and on Tuesday, May 9 we had a Papillion/La Vista firetruck at the sports complex to meet and greet the kids as they came to and from the fields.
 - Girls Softball: We will be playing in the Rainbow Softball League again this season. This season we have 4 teams with 53 kids: one 8U, two 10U and one 18U team. Games started on May 5.
 - Adult Softball: We have Sunday Men's (8 teams), Tuesday Men's (4 teams), and Thursday (4 teams) Men's Double Header league that started games on April 9.
 - OGLBT Adult Softball League: New league this year with 8 teams playing on Wednesday nights starting on May 2.
 - Senior Men's Softball League: This league plays on Monday and Wednesday nights as well as Friday mornings.
 - Youth Co-ed T-ball (ages 5/6): Registration deadline was Saturday, May 13. Currently we have 4 teams with 44 kids. We are in the process of identifying coaches and forming teams. Games will begin in June.
- Ryan South, Program Coordinator discussed special events.
 - This year Splash Bash will be held on June 25th from 1pm-4pm at the pool.
 - The Urban Scramble Adventure Race will be held on July 29th this year.
 - The 2nd Pump & Run is in the planning stages. There will be a new route this year, since the La Vista Falls golf course is closed. Patriarch Brewery and Infusion Brewery will be working with us again this year. This event will be held during the fall months.
 - Rob George, Parks Superintendent, updated the Board Members on activities the Parks Dept. have been working on.
 - Water is in the pool and it is being readied for the May 27th opening.
 - Parks are being mowed, and everything getting cleaned up and ready for Salute to Summer.
 - Scott Stopak, Recreation Director
 - Scott updated the Board on the upcoming activities for Memorial Day weekend and Salute to Summer: The Hot Wheels Races will be on Thursday at 6pm at the Community Center. Also, the Honor Our Heroes event will be on the south side of City Hall at the Blue Star Memorial.

- Friday, May 26th is the Community Cookout/Fireworks and Car Show. The cookout begins at 5:30pm with the band “Velvet Crush” playing. Food will be served at 6pm. The band will play until 8:30, along with Bounce Houses, climbing wall, face painting and book give-away. Games will also be played over in the grass area, with Scott, Ryan and others helping out with that. The car show will be held across the grassy area at the La Vista Keno parking lot. They will also have a live band. Fireworks will be at dusk (around 9:30pm).
- The Mayor’s VIP Luncheon will be held on Saturday morning, May 27th at 11 am at Central Park tennis courts. This is a RSVP luncheon by invitation, in which all board members are invited.
- The parade is at 1pm
- The pool will open at 4 pm on Saturday.
- The carnival and Salute to Summer ends on Sunday.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director Stopak informed the Board that Mayor Kindig asked him to attend the Mid-America Athletic Trainers Assn. (MAATA) convention on Friday at the Embassy Suites, and to read his proclamation that March will be the National Athletic Trainers month in La Vista.

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