

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
April 18, 2018

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 April 18, 2018. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Program Coordinators Denny Dinan and Ryan South, Parks Foreman Rob George, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Gene Svensen and Jonathan Jameson. Absent was Asst. Director David Karlson and Member Jeff Kupfer.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on April 11, 2018. 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 21, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Johnson. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Denny Dinan, Recreation Dept. discussed youth and adult sports, and special events.

Dinan reported that there has been an increase in the Preschool Playtime program. The numbers are as follows:

March counts:

Adults = 184 Daily average = 20

Children = 273 Daily average = 30

Total Mar = 457 Daily average = 51 Total Play Time days = 9

Total Feb = 388 Daily average = 48.5 Total Play Time days = 8

Dinan reported on the current programs at the Recreation Department. He also stated that all of the youth sports have an increase in participation this year over last year.

The winter session of Women's Volleyball ended on March 28 and the spring session began on April 4. They will play a shorter session with only 6 games. We have a full league with eight teams registered.

Coaches are assigned and teams have been formed and practices began on April 2, weather permitting, for youth baseball, flag football, soccer clinic, academy & league, and softball.

This year in Baseball, we have 129 players on 11 teams, compared to 93 players on 7 teams in 2017.

We have 79 players on 8 teams in Flag Football this year. Last year, we had 67 players on 7 teams.

The 3 yr. old Soccer Clinic has 15 players this year, compared to 11 players in 2017.

Spring Soccer Academy and League has 105 players in 2018 and 85 players in 2017.

Youth Softball has 67 players on 5 teams, compared to 53 players on 4 teams in 2017.

Soccer began on April 3. Flag Football games are scheduled to begin on April 14, with baseball games scheduled to begin the last week of April. Youth Softball games will begin the first weekend in May.

Adult Softball games started the week of April 9. There is twenty teams this year, which is one more than last spring. We have a Men's league on Sunday, Men's league on Tuesday and Coed league on Friday.

The Sports Complex and City Park are host to the Papillion Outlaws Girl's Softball Tournament on April 20-22, and on April 28 the Sports Complex will have the Pitch, Hit & Run event and the Jr. Home Run Derby contests. These two events are in partnership with Sarpy Tourism.

Chairperson Lodes asked if entire teams are registering for baseball, softball, etc., and that being the reason for the increases. Dinan said no, that participants registered singularly, but they can request certain teams. It is not guaranteed, but we try to accommodate them.

Member Johnson asked what baseball league we were playing in. Dinan stated we were playing in the Ralston League.

Member Jameson asked about the Quidditch tournament on March 24. Dinan said that our fields closed due to rain and wet fields. Creighton and Colorado played at another location. The other teams cancelled because of the weather forecast. Dinan also said we did not win the bid for the Fall Quidditch regional tournament, however, he said he is working with Creighton to have another tournament on our fields.

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director told the Board Asst. Director David Karlson was absent tonight, but his report is in the packet if they have any questions they could ask him, Sue Tangeman, Ryan South or Denny Dinan.

Stopak thanked the Parks Dept., saying we were receiving our 27th Tree City U.S.A. award. The Public Works Dept. does a lot of work to obtain and keep that status by planting and replacing existing trees each year.

Arbor Day will be celebrated with a tree planting across from City Hall, and a special guest reading to the children on April 26th at 10 a.m.

Rob George, Parks Foreman had nothing to report at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Johnson asked if the Special Services Bus is for La Vista and Ralston residents only. Stopak stated yes, it is only for residents of the two cities.

Member Jameson motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.