

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
May 16, 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 Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Denny Dinan and Ryan South, Parks Foreman Jeff Thornburg, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Jeff Kupfer and Jonathan Jameson. Absent was Member Gene Svensen.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 9, 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 April 18, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Member Johnson. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director discussed the regularly scheduled monthly activities and special events that occurred in May at the Senior Center, and other special events at the Community Center.

Merrymaker's performer Joe Taylor visited the Senior Center on Wednesday, April 25th. Approximately twenty-five seniors watched his performance.

Methodist Student Nurses also visited the Seniors on April 4th and April 18th. They performed blood pressure checks and did a presentation on the importance of stretching & flexibility as we age.

Nine Seniors went on their monthly movie outing to see *The Greatest Showman* at the Cinema 8 Theater.

The Tuesday/Thursday Tai Chi class had 136 participants for the month of April.

The Senior Center meal site served 296 meals in April.

The Senior Volunteer program logged 110 hours in April. We had seven volunteers with an average of 15 hours *plus* each week.

The Community Center once again hosted the Omaha Bead Affair on Saturday, April 14th & Sunday, April 15th. This large, nation-wide event utilizes the entire center.

On Thursday, April 26th we hosted the annual Arbor Day Celebration. We had over 75 kids, parents and City staff attend. City Hall employee Marcia Gustafson donated a tree to the City as a memorial to her late husband Steve, whom passed away in the last year. The Modern Woodmen Foundation donated an

additional tree as part of our celebration. In addition to donating a tree, Marcia was our guest reader for our story-time, and Jodi Norton, Asst. Library Director did a craft for the kids with the Library's new "Think, Make, Create" trailer.

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

Dinan reported on the Preschool Playtime program. The numbers are as follows:

April counts:

Adults = 169 Daily average = 21

Children = 259 Daily average = 32

Total April = 428 Daily average = 54 Total Play Time days = 8

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

Dinan reported on the current programs at the Recreation Department.

Adult Women's Volleyball Spring session ended on May 9th. Registration for the Fall session will begin in August.

Adult Softball games began the week of April 9th and is now in the 5th week of a 14-week season.

Coed T-ball registration ended on May 12th. We have 49 5/6 year olds signed up. We are choosing coaches and teams are being formed for the league. Games will begin on June 9th.

After a slow start with cold and wet weather in late April and the first 3 days in May, the summer session is in full swing for Baseball, Softball and Flag Football.

Baseball started the weekend of April 28th and runs through the end of June.

Flag Football has played 5 weeks of an 8-week schedule.

Girls Softball started the weekend of May 4th and will run through the end of June.

The Spring Soccer Clinic and Spring Soccer Academy & League finished up their seasons on May 12th

Dinan said all the Spring sports saw an increase in participation this year.

Baseball had 129 players (11 teams) in 2018. 2017 had 93 players (7 teams).

Flag Football had 79 players (8 teams) in 2018. 2017 had 67 players (7 teams).

Soccer 3-year old Clinic had 15 players this year. Last year had 11 players.

Soccer Academy/League had 105 players registered in Spring 2018, whereas last year had 85 players.

Softball had a slight increase with 67 players (5 teams) in 2018. 2017 had 53 players (4 teams).

Fall Youth League registration started on May 9, for flag football, soccer clinic, soccer academy and league. Fall season begins play in September.

Ryan South, Program Coordinator discussed Recreation events coming up this summer.

Splash Bash will take place on Sunday, June 24th from 1-4 p.m. at the La Vista City Pool. There is no admission, and patrons will enjoy a live DJ, games, prizes and free food!

The Urban Scramble Adventure Race will be held the morning of Saturday, August 4th. On a 3-4 hour course, teams of two will run, bike and navigate their way through La Vista and Papillion while searching for checkpoints and completing challenges and mystery events. The race will start and end at the La Vista Community Center. Registration is open now and will close on August 2nd.

Edge Body Boot Camp and the City of La Vista have teamed up again to host the 3rd annual Pump & Run and 5k. The Pump & Run is a unique combination of weight lifting and running, offered to all racers no matter gender or ability. Pump & Run participants will compete in a bench press competition as well as a 5k. We also offer the 5k as a separate event for those who just want to run and not participate in the bench press competition. This event will take place on Friday, October 5th, and Saturday, October 6th. Registration opens June 1st.

Jeff Thornburg, Parks Foreman discussed the work the Parks crew have been keeping busy with. They have been keeping the fields ready for the baseball/softball and soccer season, There are two tournaments coming up-a soccer tournament in June, and the national Triple Crown Slumpbuster Baseball Tournament beginning June 13th. That tournament will last two weeks, and is held around the metro area.

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director reminded the Members that La Vista's Salute to Summer begins May 24th through the 27th. Thursday is the Hometown Heroes ceremony, and the Hot Wheels Races at the Community Center. Friday evening is the Community Cookout, Car Show and Fireworks. Saturday is the parade, and to finish it off on Sunday is the Family Pool Party.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Jameson. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.