

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
December 19, 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, December 19, 2018. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Denny Dinan and Ryan South, Public Works Parks Representative Ron Keller, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Gene Svensen, Jeff Kupfer and Jonathon Jameson. Absent: Sue Tangeman, Recreation Administrative Assistant

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on December 12, 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 Scott 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. Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Kupfer. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director

Stopak reminded everyone that Chairperson Lodes requested quarterly/yearly Recreation Department expense and revenue reports at our last meeting. Stopak stated that this is something he is still working on and should have an update at the next meeting.

Stopak thanked Member Gene Svenson for serving on the Board. This is Svenson's last meeting.

Stopak stated the City Council approved new Park & Recreation Advisory Board Member Nick Moyer at the City Council meeting on December 18, 2018. Nick's first meeting will be in January.

David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director

Senior Center

Karlson went over the Program Information and added the following:

Monthly movie outing is seeing an increase in participation. In the summer months, he was seeing around 5-6 participants and now has a full bus.

A new sponsor this year for the Tree Lighting, Ref's Sports Bar & Grill of La Vista. They provided the soup and chili at cost. They also worked with one of their vendors to secure a donation of all the bowls, spoons, etc.

Karlson stated garden plot registrations opened in November for last year's gardeners. Those gardeners have already secured most of the plots, but public registration is open for the rest.

Johnson asked how many garden plots we have. Karlson stated we have 26 plots and there are plans to add more.

Johnson asked how many different areas in the City do we have plots. Karlson stated we have three locations: Camenzind Park, Hollis Park, and Jaycee Park. Karlson also stated we have one plot for our senior group that is managed by the seniors, and that this plot helps provide good nutritional value for the them.

Karlson stated they have had two Donut Society meetings this year. The first was at the Kolache Factory and the second was at La Mar's Donuts. He stated the seniors are really enjoying the society and have even gone as far as electing officers and discussing future locations, as well as the donuts they would like to eat.

Kupfer asked how many meals we have to serve to receive funding for the senior meal program. Karlson stated that we receive funding no matter the number of meals we serve.

Kupfer also asked if this is something we have to apply for each year in order to receive funding. Karlson stated we do not currently have to apply. As long as we serve meals, the funding will continue.

Lodes asked if the people that do the meal prep and serving are volunteers. Karlson stated, yes, all are volunteers. They check in food, monitor temperatures, and get everything setup for the day with the exception of tables in chairs – Karlson handles this.

Lodes also asked if the senior meal program is for residents only. Karlson stated, no, the meal program is for everyone. He stated they have a number of non-resident seniors. He also stated we are able to provide transportation to all who need it through our Special Services Bus program.

Denny Dinan, Youth and Adult Sports Coordinator

Dinan reported program information and added the following:

Dinan stated most of our youth basketball games are held at the Community Center on Saturdays and Sundays, which keeps the center very busy through the season.

Dinan stated officers from the La Vista Police Department and FOP run the Youth Basketball Clinic.

This year's Roundball Reindeer shootout had the following participation:

- K-4th grade – 24 two-person teams. These teams had one parent/guardian and one child.
- 5th-8th grade – 4 two-person teams.
- 3 point contest – 5 children

Dinan stated they are already working on ideas to increase participation for next year.

Ron Keller, Public Work Parks Department

Keller stated they have been working on tree removal through City parks over the past week:

- They took a large tree out of Eberle-Walden Park to make room for park improvements.
- They also took two large, dead trees out of Apollo Park. The trees were dying at the top and needed to be removed.

Johnson asked if we replace trees that we remove. Keller stated, yes, we typically do, but did not in these instances.

Stated Public Works staff installed the lights in the large trees located at the entrance of Central Park and assisted with the install at other locations throughout the City.

Kupfer asked why we only light four of the six trees at Central Park. Keller stated the back two trees sit below two large power lines and they are unable to access them safely to install lights.

Keller informed the members that Tony White, who was previously responsible for overseeing the City Park Ballfields, accepted a job somewhere else and is no longer with the City. He complimented Tony and all his hard work at that facility. He stated that even though Tony is gone, they have a good crew that will ensure the facility is maintained at the same standard.

Stopak also complimented Tony and thanked him and the Public Works staff for all of their hard work.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

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