

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
February 19, 2020

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of LaVista convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Operations Manager Ryan South, Youth & Adult Sports Manager Denny Dinan, Admin. Asst. Sue Tangeman, Public Works Parks Foreman Jeff Thornburg, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer, Nick Moyer and Brenda Mechels-Stuby.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on February 12, 2020. 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 January 15, 2020 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Mechels-Stuby. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director

Director Stopak welcomed and introduced the newest Park & Recreation Board Member Brenda Mechels-Stuby.

Stopak stated that the departments had begun working on the budget for the next 2 fiscal years.

Mechels-Stuby asked if there were any changes coming up in the new budget. Stopak said the only significant change is the addition of a maintenance worker for the Recreation Department. Previously, that employee has been under the Public Works/Building & Grounds Department.

Updating the Board on the swimming pool project, Stopak said the discussion and presentation to the City Council will more than likely be on April 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Chairperson Lodes asked what the reason for the delay was. Stopak said it was due to working on the design, etc.

Stopak also said they have had several interviews for the Senior Services Manager and have narrowed it down to 2-3 applicants. Hopefully, by the next meeting we will have hired for that position. Stopak said he was also in the process of hiring lifeguards for the pool.

David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director

1,400 seniors participate in activities last month at the Community Center.

Senior Meal Site program served 130 meals. The Senior Volunteer program had four seniors volunteer a total of 35 hours. Tai Chi had 150 participants and Senior Chair Volleyball had 67 participants.

Bridge Club & Pitch had 73 players, Bingo had 63 participants, and the Senior Quilting Club had 47 participants. Also, our Senior Quilting Club has a dozen quilts displayed in the Community Center through the month of January.

The Senior Care Clinic met two times last month and performed basic foot care and blood pressure checks for 24 seniors.

Merrymaker's performer Tim Javorsky performed to 18 seniors.

We hosted our third annual Senior "Noon" Years Party on Friday, January 3. The party included strawberry and orange floats, other special food treats, noisemakers, party hats and a performance from the duo *The Links*.

Denny Dinan, Youth and Adult Sports Manager

### **Pre-School Play Time**

#### **January counts:**

Adults = 192    Daily average = 21

Children = 293    Daily average = 33

**Total Jan = 485    Daily average = 54    Total Play Time days = 9**

Total Dec = 340    Daily average = 43    Total Play Time days = 8

Adult Women's Volleyball fall league ended on January 8. The winter session started on January 15, has 8 teams and the season will play a 12 game schedule.

Youth Basketball League games started on January 11 and will run through February with a tournament to follow. The first two Fridays were cancelled due to snow & cold and we are trying to find times/places to make up those games. The La Vista Community Center is schedule for basketball games Saturdays from 10am through 5pm and on Sundays from 1:30pm through 6pm.

Youth Basketball Clinic: for grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> starts on Saturday, January 11 from 8:30am – 9:30am and will run for 5 weeks, ending on February 11. We have 49 boys and girls participating in the clinic this year. We have 6 volunteers from the Police Department who are coaching.

### **Spring Programs**

Registrations are now being accepted for the following youth programs:

- Boy's Baseball
- Co-Ed flag football
- Youth soccer clinic, Academy and League
- Girls Softball
- Co-Ed T-ball

Ryan South, Operations Manager

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Urban Adventure Race will be held this year on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Splash Bash will be on June 28<sup>th</sup> and again will offer free admission, free food and

prizes.

The Pump & Run 5k is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, and will be held on September 18-19.

Jeff Thornburg, Park Foreman

Thornburg said the Parks crew has been busy with tree trimming and trunk grinding. He also stated that they had a new mower at the Sports Complex, and a new employee, Cindy Bauers has joined the Parks Department.

Member Kupfer asked what position Cindy Bauers was hired for, and if she was an addition or filled a vacant opening. Thornburg stated that she was hired as a Maintenance I worker, and that she was filling the vacancy left by the employee who moved to a different section of Public Works.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Member Kupfer motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:26 p.m.