

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
May 20, 2009

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of La Vista convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on May 20, 2009. Present were Recreation Asst. Director David Karlson, Advisory Board Members Pat Lodes, Penny Selders and Jeff Kupfer. Other Recreation staff members Rich Carstensen and Eddie Burns were also present, along with La Vista Public Works staff member Jeff Thornberg.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 14, 2009. 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 the 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

Asst. Director Karlson called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Advisory Board Member Selders.

Asst. Recreation Director Karlson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Asst. Recreation director Karlson 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

Asst. Director Karlson made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Committee Member Lodes. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Asst. Director Karlson reported that registrations for the BBQ class scheduled for May 30 filled up in 6 days, and there was enough interest to have another class in late summer or fall. Karlson said there would be an ice cream social at the Community Center on June 9, and the Slump Busters tournament will begin on June 11, 2009. The event will not be televised this year. La Vista Days also begins on June 11 through June 14, and end that day with a community cookout, celebrity softball game (between La Vista and Pay Pal) and fireworks. Lastly, "Recreation in the Parks" will begin June 1st at the Crestview Apts. park/basketball area. This is an outreach program in different areas of La Vista two times per month this summer, with different activities for the kids to participate in. The second location is at Central Park on June 15.

Karlson reported that the City Council approved the purchase of nine carts on a 4-year lease-to-own agreement. In addition, golf rounds were up 367 for the month of April (compared to April 2008), and up 1,367 for the year.

The Council also discussed whether to close the pool one hour earlier each night this season. They did not approve to close at an earlier time, since the dates and hours have already been advertised for this year.

Program Director Carstensen reported that on May 5, approx. 20 seniors went to Piccolo Pete's restaurant for lunch, and then some walked across the downtown pedestrian bridge. The La Vista West/G. Stanley elementary band came on May 6 to play, and then enjoyed a pizza lunch with the seniors. On May 11, Mayor Kindig hosted a picnic in Central Park for the seniors to celebrate Mother's Day. Mayor Kindig, along with Kelly Sell, cooked hamburgers and brats, baked beans chips and brownies for dessert. The celebration was capped off by a performance by Fire Chief Rich Uhl on his guitar. He played and sang everyone's favorite country hits, and everyone enjoyed himself or herself. On May 27, will be going to Lauritzen Gardens to see the flowers and train exhibition. On Thursday, May 21, there is a fundraiser "Save the Table" to raise money for Meals on Wheels program. This will be held at the Holiday Inn 72nd & Grover, and is \$10/person. The seniors will go see a Royals game, a lunch outing, and to commemorate Father's Day on June 17, we will be going to Springfield Drugstore to the old-fashioned soda fountain.

Program Coordinator Burns reported that youth soccer and flag football would be coming to an end. 9/10 and 11/12 baseball will end the season with a tournament with Papillion. Youth softball is continuing. Adult softball is in its 6th week. Upcoming registrations in July are tackle football, cheerleading, flag football and soccer. This year the soccer program will be different, as the Lancer Soccer Club is merging with the Recreation Dept. There will be recreational and competitive soccer for under 9 to under 15, and recreation soccer for 4/5 and 6/7 year olds. There also will be a 3-year-old soccer clinic, which will teach the kids and parents the game of soccer.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Lodes asked Program Director Carstensen how many days per week does the Senior Center provide lunches through ENOA?

Carstensen stated "three times, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Funding comes from federal and state, and ENOA asks for a \$2.50 donation from those attending the lunches. If they cannot afford the \$2.50, they can pay what they can afford.

Member Selders commented on the criminal activity in Central Park, and wondered what could be done about it. She stated that kids are frequently climbing on the restroom building, going in the restrooms, and generally causing trouble.

Public Works employee Jeff Thornberg stated that they have frequently cleaned up after vandalism this summer.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Lodes made the motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Member Selders. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.