

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
August 17, 2011

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 August 17, 2011. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South. Advisory board members present were Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes, Corey Jeffus, Jeff Kupfer and George Forst III. Absent was Member Shannon Wiig.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on August 11, 2011. 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

Recreation Director Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes.

Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director 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

Director Stopak made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Lodes. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Lodes made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2011 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Scott Stopak reported that the Splash Bash was held on Sunday, August 7. This was a free day at the pool with food, drinks, swimming, a D.J. and inflatable prizes for the kids. Over 400 people were in attendance.

The proposed pool design was presented to the City Council, and they are now working on wording for the ballot.

The pool is now on reduced hours until closing for the season. It will be open Friday's from 4-8pm, Saturday's and Sunday's 1-8pm. The last weekend it will also be open Labor Day, which will be the last day of the year.

Beginning October 1, 2011 the Community Center will close at 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Friday. Saturday will remain at 6:00 p.m. closing time.

Program Coordinator Ryan South report that Flag Football for ages 6/7/8 will have their first games beginning this Saturday on August 20, 2011. The season will run through October 15, 2011. Due to a large number of 9/10 year olds moving up to tackle football for the fall season, we were unable to form a team for that age group. We were, however, able to create four full 6/7/8 teams with 9 players on each team.

The 3 year old soccer clinic will begin the Fall season starting in September. Five, one-hour sessions, will be held on Saturday mornings. Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes is coaching/teaching the group, which includes working with the parents. We are currently taking registrations for the clinic and the deadline is August 13, 2011. We are continuing taking registrations for the 4/5 Soccer Academy, which has a deadline of August 27. The academy will meet twice a week for six weeks with the first training session being held on September 6th. Each session will focus on a different soccer skill to help develop each individual player. This season, we are introducing league play for the 6/7 year old ages so they can utilize the skills they learn in a more competitive atmosphere. Academy training will still take place on Tuesdays, but Saturdays will bring a league game for teams participating. Coaches for these teams will work with Phoenix Futbol Club (PFC) trainers to help run Academy sessions and will coach at all games. The registration deadline is also August 27th. We have already received multiple registrations for this league and are excited to see it kick-off its first season this fall!

La Vista Lancers Soccer League has 3 teams for the Fall season with 30 player's total. The Lancers will be competing in the Sarpy County Soccer league again this fall with their first games slated to begin on September 10th.

Adult Softball is will play until the end of August. Registrations are being taken for Fall adult softball until August 6th or until leagues are full. The season will tentatively begin on September 6.

Tackle Football for ages 9-14 began on August 1st, and games will begin September 11th. We have a 9/10 year old team with 26 players; a 11 year old team with 14 players; two 13/14 year old teams with 15 players on one and 20 players on the other. These numbers have increased significantly over last year's where we were only able to form two teams with a total of around 45 players.

Tackle Football Cheerleading for ages 7-14 have begun practicing their routines for the first football game on September 11. We have doubled the amount of girls since the previous season.

Assistant Director Karlson announced the Community Garage Sale will be held this Saturday, August 21, in the Community Center gym. The amount of vendors we were able to accommodate completely filled.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on The La Vista Senior Center. On Wednesday, August 10, the La Vista Senior Center celebrated Grandkids Day before the kids had to go back to school. The seniors and their grandchildren enjoyed pizza, drink, and desert at the senior center for lunch. Walter Graham, a magician, provided a great show for both the senior's and kids. After lunch, grandparents and grandchildren were invited to stay and play at the La Vista Community Center. They were also invited to play a round of golf at the La Vista Golf Course or go swimming at the La Vista Swimming Pool - all free of charge.

Thursday, August 18th we have over 15 seniors going to lunch at Petrow's Diner. On Friday, August 19, we will have our monthly 10-point Pitch tournament. The last couple of tournaments we have had 16 players play. Wednesday, August 24, the La Vista Senior Center will be going to the movies after lunch.

Wednesday, August 31, we are going to the Nebraska State Fair for Senior's Day. We will see a concert of legendary country music star Crystal Gale, and then touring the fairgrounds.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Kupfer asked about the last houses on Park View Blvd., and when they would be torn down.
Director Stopak said they will be gone by late November.

Vice-Chairman Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Forst. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.