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, August 22, 2018. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Denny Dinan, Public Works Parks Representative Tony White, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Gene Svensen, Jeff Kupfer and Jonathon Jameson. Program Coordinator Ryan South and Member Greg Johnson were absent.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on August 15, 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 July 18, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Member Kupfer. Seconded by Member Svensen. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

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

   Merrymaker’s Tim Javorsky performed for the seniors after lunch on Tuesday, July 17.

   The monthly “Walk in the Park” was cancelled due to weather.

   Our Senior Meal Site program served 237 meals in July.

   Our Senior Volunteer program had 71 volunteer hours in July. We had 6 volunteers with an average of 11.8 hours each this month.

   For the movie outing this month, 9 seniors went to see “The Book Club” on Tuesday, July 31 at the Cinema 8 Theater.

   Karlson announced that the City would be having a “La Vista Fall Festival” on Saturday, October 13 outside the La Vista City Hall Campus. The band Eckophonic’s will play first, followed by the movie “Cars 3”. There will also be fire pits, s’mores, outdoor games and more for the entire family.

   Karlson informed the Board Members that the community chalkboard from the Taste of La Vista was up at the Community Center if they would like to stop and look at it. Citizens wrote on the chalkboard their ideas for La Vista. Karlson then showed a video made by Mitch Beaumont, Community Relations
Coordinator, about three of the summer events here at the City – Dinosaur Egg Hunt, Urban Adventure Race and the Hydrant Party.

Denny Dinan, Youth and Adult Sports Coordinator.

In July, Pre-School Play Time met 8 times and had 256 visitors, of which 146 were children. That was an average of 18 children per day, and 14 adults. This was only slightly less that June’s average.

Adult Softball leagues finished up August 21.

Adult Fall Softball leagues were scheduled to start Sunday, August 19, but were rained out. They will start their season instead on Sunday August 26. There is 6 teams on the Coed league and 5 teams on the Men’s league on Sunday evenings.

Youth Fall Co-ed Flag Football: League play started on Saturday, August 11 and will run for 8 weeks. We have 80 players and 9 teams. (Kdg.-2nd grade = 3 teams, 3rd/4th grade = 3 teams, 5th/6th = 3 teams).

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic and 4/5 & 6/7 Soccer Academy and League registration deadline will be Saturday August 25 with the season scheduled to start September 4.

Youth Coed Volleyball: Registration began July 1 and will run through September 29 with the season starting in November. We will partnering with the BJSA again this year.

Adult Women’s Volleyball: Registration runs from Aug 1 through September 8 or until leagues are full. Games will begin on September 19 and run 12 weeks through December 19.

Football Skills Competition (formerly Punt/Pass/Kick): will be held at the La Vista Sports Complex on Saturday, August 25 at 3:30. The NFL is no longer offering the Punt, Pass & Kick competition, but, along with the Sarpy County Tourism and the Papillion-La Vista Optimist Club, we have decided to keep it going. We will have girls and boys divisions in age groups from 6 – 15 years old. This is a free event. Winners of each age group will qualify for state competition to be held in October at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

Youth Basketball League registration will begin on September 1 and run through November 24 with games beginning in January.

Youth Coed Basketball Clinic registration will begin on September 1 and run through Dec 29. Clinic will start on January 12 and run for 5 consecutive Saturdays.

Tony White, Parks Dept.

White said they were busy getting the parks ready for fall, and said that most of the seasonal workers are now gone for the year. White also stated that the City has purchased 2-60” mowers.

Stopak Stopak, Director

Stopak mentioned that the City Pool was now operating on school time hours which are Friday 4-8pm, Saturday’s and Sunday’s 1-8pm. They will be open Labor Day 1-8pm, and that will be the last day for the year. The Community Center will also go to their Fall/Winter/Spring hours which means that Saturday hours will be from 8am-4pm, and Sunday’s will be open 1pm-9pm. Monday through Friday will remain the same, 8am-9pm. These hours will be good beginning the day after Labor Day through April 30.
COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR
   None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS
   None.

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