

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
April 17, 2019

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, April 17, 2019. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Denny Dinan and Ryan South, Admin. Asst. Sue Tangeman, Public Works Parks Foreman Jeff Thornburg, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Jeff Kupfer, and Jonathon Jameson and Nick Moyer.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on April 10, 2019. 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 February 20, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Member Jameson. Seconded by Member Johnson. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director

Senior Center

Karlson went through the list of regularly scheduled activities throughout each month at the La Vista Senior Center. For a small donation, lunch is catered by Treat America Food Services Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. They can play Bingo on Mondays and Fridays, join our walking club Monday through Friday mornings, play Chair Volleyball on Wednesday and Fridays, and participate in Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Seniors can join our quilting and sewing group on Wednesday, play Pinochle on the first Wednesday of the month, and also join our Senior Coloring Book Club on Monday morning's. They may also sign up for the monthly Senior Foot Care and Wellness Clinic. In addition to those activities, the 2nd Wednesday of each month we celebrate birthday with cake and ice cream.

Karlson then cited the different activities the Seniors participated in during March.

The Senior meal program served 196 meals in March. After a snowy January and February where we saw 4 days cancelled each of those months, in March we only had to cancel one bad-weather day.

Our Senior Volunteer program had four seniors totaling 92 hours.

We had 1,248 seniors participate in activities in March at the Community Center.

Tai Chi had 166 participants for the month.

On Friday March 8, the La Vista Jr. High Show Choir performed for a group of over 20 seniors.

45 seniors joined us for our annual **St. Patrick's Day Lunch** of corned beef, carrots, cabbage, potatoes, rye bread, brownies and green punch. The band Feelin' Groovy got the crowd on their feet and dancing to their favorite songs of the sixties.

The monthly Senior Care Clinic met three times in March and performed basic foot care and blood pressure checks for 24 seniors.

Merrymaker's performers "The Links" performed to 16 seniors on Wednesday March 27.

AARP Volunteer Income Tax Preparers continued to help seniors, along with low-income residents on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in March. They continued to do so through April 13th.

Denny Dinan, Youth and Adult Sports Coordinator

Dinan reported on youth and adult sports plus the preschool playtime program.

Pre-School Play Time:

March counts:

Adults = 201 Daily average = 29

Children = 284 Daily average = 40

Total Mar = 485 Daily average = 69 Total Play Time days = 7

Total Feb = 471 Daily average = 67 Total Play Time days = 7

Adult Programs:

Women's Volleyball: Winter session ended on March 27 and the Spring session began on April 3, and will play a shorter 6 game session. We have a 6 teams in the Spring League.

Softball Summer League games start the week of April 15.

We have a total of 12 teams. We have a Men's league on Tuesday and Friday Nights.

Youth Programs:

Teams have formed and coaches have been assigned. Practices have begun for youth baseball, flag football, soccer clinic, academy & league, youth and adult softball. Games will start at the end of April or early May.

The teams this year consist of the following:

Baseball: 100 players/8 teams

Summer Flag Football: 78 players/9 teams

Summer Soccer 3-year old Clinic: 15 players

Summer Soccer Academy/League: 67 players

Softball: 57 players/ 4 teams

Upcoming Sports Events:

April 4-6: UFA Thunder Girls FastPitch Tournament = 35 teams

April 25-27: Papillion Outlaws Girls FastPitch Tournament

April 28: PH&R and Jr Home Run Derby

Dinan said this year the Pitch, Hit & Run and Home Run Derby will be in the evening, and 20 kids had signed up on-line so far.

Submitted by Ryan South, Program Coordinator

Events

Community Health Fair took place on Wednesday, March 27. The Recreation Department collaborated with the City's Employee Wellness Committee to put on a Community Health Fair for both employees and citizens. We had 32 Vendors from around the Metro area convene to provide information and educational materials about the services they offer. We also had an American Red Cross Blood Drive during the fair. Over 100 citizens and employees attended and we received very positive feedback from both the attendees and vendors.

The 9th Annual Urban Scramble Adventure Race will take place on Saturday, June 29. On a 3-4 hour course, teams of two will run, bike and navigate their way through La Vista and Papillion while searching for checkpoints and completing challenges and mystery events. The race will start and end at the La Vista Community Center. Registration is open now, and so far 8 teams have registered.

Splash Bash will take place on Sunday, July 21. This is a free event held at the La Vista Municipal Pool. No admission fee is charged from 1:00 pm–4:00 pm and patrons will enjoy a live DJ, games, prizes and free food.

South also said the Omaha Bead Affair would be at the Community Center this weekend. This is the 5th year this national show will be here at the Center. They have always had a good turnout, and they have already booked for next year.

Jeff Thornburg, Public Works Parks Foreman

Thornburg reported that Public Works has been busy prepping for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Sports Complex and getting ready for the upcoming sporting events.

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director

Stopak gave the Board Members some updates:

City Council meetings will begin having meetings at 6pm (instead of 7pm) beginning with the June 4th meeting.

The Concessions contract for all City locations was recently renewed with Bijon Hamzie.

The Eastern Nebraska on Aging (ENOA) contract was renewed for our Senior Center meal site. ENOA reimburses the City for salary cost each month.

A 5-year contract with the Triple Crown Slumpbuster Tournament was recently approved for renewal.

3. PRESENTATION FROM SARPY COUNTY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Travis Jacott with Sarpy County Leadership presented a proposal for a start-up of a Gardening Club/City Beautification program in La Vista. Travis explained the concept of a Gardening Club for La Vista's 17 parks and 2 municipal buildings. It would include getting a master gardener and volunteers to plan, develop and take care of the sites. They indicated they have discussed the project with Mayor Kindig and Public Works Director Joe Soucie. Possible funding sources can be from the City, grants and/or donations. They

have successfully formed this club for the City of Papillion, and they have several sites that are being cared for.

Travis indicated that one of the first steps would be to hold a public meeting to measure the interest in volunteering for the club, and the next step would be to select a master gardener. The goal would be to start with 2 sites then go forward from there.

Member Kupfer asked if 2 sites wasn't starting a little conservative? They answered that they need to see the level of participation first before committing to a larger number of sites.

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 7:50 p.m.