

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
December 18, 2019

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, December 18, 2019. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Denny Dinan, Admin. Asst. Sue Tangeman, Public Works Parks Foreman, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Jonathan Jameson, and Jeff Kupfer. Absent was Member Nick Moyer and Program Coordinator Ryan South.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on December 11, 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 November 20, 2019 meeting. Motion made by Member Kupfer, Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. All aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director

Stopak and the Board members discussed the Sports Participation Comparison report.

David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director

We had 1,206 seniors participate in activities last month at the community center.

Our Senior Meal Site program served 138 meals.

Our Senior Volunteer program had three seniors volunteer a total of 30 hours.

Tai Chi had 176 participants.

Senior Chair Volleyball had 67 participants.

Bridge Club & Pitch had 84 participants.

Senior Bingo had 65 participants.

Senior Quilting Club had 77 participants.

The monthly Senior Care Clinic met two times last month and performed basic foot care and blood pressure checks for 16 seniors.

On Wednesday, November 6th, Lisa Dempsey from a local Hospice center came and painted kindness rocks with 20 seniors.

Merrymaker's performer Tim Javorsky entertained 16 seniors on November 13th.

Our Senior Movie Outing was to see "Downton Abbey" on the 26th of November. Ten seniors went to the show.

Events

The Christmas Tree Lighting Soup and Supper event was held on Monday, December 2nd. Approximately 100 people watched Santa light the tree, while the Jr. High Show Choir led by their leader, Mr. Wilde on guitar, sang carols beforehand. After the tree lighting, the gym was full at all times with people enjoying the chili and chicken noodle soup, and listening to entertainment provided by the La Vista Junior High Show Choir, and the Papillion-La Vista High School Choir. Santa's Workshop was also open that night for people to visit after leaving the Community Center.

Denny Dinan, Program Coordinator

November counts:

Adults = 163 Daily average = 23

Children = 221 Daily average = 32

Total Nov = 384 Daily average = 55 Total Play Time days = 7

Total Oct = 414 Daily average = 46 Total Play Time days = 9

Youth Volleyball: Boys and girls grades 3rd through 6th league play ended on Dec 14th. There is a single elimination tournament for 5th-6th grade starting Dec 16th. La Vista had 2 - 3rd/4th grade teams and 2 - 5th/6th grade teams.

Adult Women's Fall Volleyball: The fall session has played 11 games of a 12 game season. Due to the holidays, the league will take the next 2 weeks off with the season wrapping up on January 8th. We have 8 teams signed up for the winter session that begins January 15th.

Youth Basketball League: Teams for grades 3rd through 8th have been formed and we have a total 149 players, which is 34 more players than last year. We have 16 teams which is 4 more teams than last year. Practices started on Dec 9th and games will start the first weekend in January. We will once again be participating in the PRO Basketball League this season.

Team Breakdown:

Boy's 3/4 grade: 46 players = 5 teams

Girl's 3/4 grade: 14 players = 2 team

Boy's 5/6 grade: 49 players = 5 teams

Girl's 5/6 grade: 20 players = 2 team

Boy's 7/8 grade: 20 players = 2 teams

Youth Basketball Clinic: Registration is open for grades 1 & 2. We will take registrations for the clinic until December 31st. The clinic will run for 5 weeks on Saturday morning's beginning on January 12th. Again this year, some of our La Vista Police Officers will coach the basketball clinic.

Events

Roundball Reindeer Shootout Is a free throw & 3 point contest for Kdg. through 8th grade that was held on Thursday, Dec 5th. This event is co-sponsored by the City of La Vista and Sarpy County Tourism, and involves the kids shooting 15 free throws as well as a parent, guardian or grandparent also shooting 15 free throws, with the combined highest total of free throws being the winner. We had 17 teams of 2 for a total of 34 participants. Last year we had 56 participants.

For the second year we held a 3-point contest. This event is for 5th – 8th graders only (parents, guardians) will not participate. Each player will shoot 3 shots from 5 designated locations and the person that makes the most 3 point shots, is the winner for each division. We had 17 participants this year. Last year we only had 5 participants.

We are already working on how to improve numbers for next year's event.

Spring Programs

Registration began December 1st for 2020 Spring Baseball, Softball, Flag Football and Soccer. These seasons begin in April.

B. AQUATIC FACILITY UPDATE

Stopak discussed the public engagement meetings that were held for residents and the general public to inform them about the proposed pool project. He then explained that after talking with and getting comments from the resident's, and several meetings with the internal staff pool committee, Central Park was chosen as the location and Concept C was chosen as the front-runner, with slight changes being made to accommodate for noise etc. Stopak explained what those changes were and that next month's meeting would entail a formal presentation for the Park & Recreation Board.

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 6:50 p.m.