

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
May 19, 2021

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, May 19, 2021. Present was Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Youth and Adult Sports Manager Denny Dinan, Senior Services Manager Kaily Stanley, Administrative Assistant Sue Tangeman, Public Works Foreman Jeff Thornburg, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Jeff Kupfer, Brenda Mechels-Stuby and Bobette Jones. Absent: Recreation Director Scott Stopak.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 12, 2021. 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

Asst. Director David Karlson called the meeting to order.

Karlson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Karlson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Chairperson Kupfer. All aye. Motion carried.
2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

##### **Submitted by David Karlson, Assistant Recreation Director**

The **Virtual Recreation Center** featured a variety videos from mid-March through Mid-April. Those included:

- Our Fun Friday **Recreation @ Home** monthly calendar video for May.
- A live-stream during our annual **Arbor Day Celebration** was held on Friday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. by the Central Park trail head near the pond. This year's celebration featured our new Memorial Tree program. Our first memorial tree was dedication to Mayor Andy Anderson who past-away last year. Following the dedication family can stroll around the pond for a book walk. The book walk has pages of a book placed on signs that are spread out around the pond so patrons can read the story as they walk around the pond. At the end of the book walk, patrons received a free tree sapling and a take-home craft to celebrate Arbor Day.

The Community Center was the site for **COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics** sponsored by the Sarpy/Cass County Health Department on Tuesday, May 11 & 18.

La Vista's annual **Spring Kite Fly** was held on Sunday, May 2. The winds were perfect for the event as many kites took to the sky. Pictures of the event can be seen on the City of La Vista social media sites.

Starting Monday, May 3, the Community Center reopened in the evenings and on Saturdays. The hours are as follows:

**May through Labor Day:**

Monday – Friday	8:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Saturdays	9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Sundays	Closed

**The following services are available:**

Fitness Center, Walking Track, Game Room, Open Gym, Locker Room/Showers, and all Senior programs and activities.

Ages allowed: 19 and over only (the same as we have had in place during Covid)

In June, we are reopening our on-site ENOA meal program. Meals will still be prepackaged as they have been during Covid and the Grab 'n Go Lunch program. We will also be offering our evening and weekend classes on-site.

**YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS**

**Submitted by Denny Dinan**

**Adult Programs:**

**Women's Volleyball:** The Spring session ended on May 5. The next session will begin in September. Six of the 8 spring session teams said they will return for the Fall session. The other 2 teams are undecided.

**Softball Summer League:**

**Senior League:** games started the week of April 12. 1 league plays on Mon/Wed night (16 teams) and the other league plays on Friday mornings.

**Adult Softball:** games started the week of April 5. We have 16 teams in our Thursday Double Header League and 6 teams in our Friday Night League.

**Youth Programs:**

All youth baseball, soccer, softball, and flag football teams began practices on April 5 and games started the last week of April.

**Baseball:** 2021=52 players/4 teams; 2020=40 players/3 teams; 2019=100 players/8 teams

**Flag Football Summer:** 2021=123 players/13 teams; 2020=Covid-league cancelled.

2019=78 players/9 teams.

**\*\*2021 total of 123 players = most players on record dating back to 2014.**

**Soccer 3 yr. old Summer Clinic:** 15 players (maximum enrollment)

**Soccer Summer Academy/League:** 2021=89 players; 2020 Covid-league cancelled; 2019 = 67 players

**Girls Softball:** 2021=71 players/6 teams; 2020 = 32 players/3 teams 2019=57 players/4 teams

**Coed T-ball:** 2021=70 players; 2020=Covid- league cancelled; 2019=56 players.

**\*\* 2021 total of 70 players = most on record dating back to 2014 Deadline = May 3.**

## **SENIOR CENTER**

**Submitted by Kaily Stanley, Senior Services Manager**

In April a total of 1617 seniors participated in Senior Center programs.

- 364 Grab n Go Lunches were picked up in March
- 968 Seniors Participated in various recreational activities
- 285 Seniors received Covid 19 vaccines

The senior's continued to practice social distancing during our regular programs. Some special programs included:

- Outings to Ref's Bar and Grill, the Zoo, and Shirley's Diner
- Dyed Easter eggs and painted pots for succulents
- Movies "My Fair Lady" "Fever Pitch" and "Runaway Bride"
- Music by Leonard Eby and Rockin' Woody
- Seniors played Apples to Apples, Happy Birthday Jingo, Wii Games, and Floor Hockey

The computers that were purchased with the Google Grant money for the Senior Center are now available for Seniors to check out.

## **PUBLIC WORKS PARKS DEPT.**

**Submitted by Jeff Thornburg, Parks Foreman**

- Thornburg said they have hired a new Parks crew member, Aaron Johnson.
- Thornburg reported that they have planted 5 of the 10 trees they have applications for in the Commemorative Tree program.

## COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

## COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Lodes asked Dinan if the Slumpbuster Tournament was going to be held this year. Dinan said yes it was, beginning on June 18. They have 400 teams participating.

Member Kupfer asked Karlson if the Virtual Recreation videos were going to continue even though we are open. Karlson said that we are going to have a mixture of virtual and on-site mix of programs, as the online sports and activities have become very popular.

Member Jones made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Member Mechels-Stuby. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:23pm.