

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
July 15, 2009

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of La Vista convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on July 15, 2009. Present were Chairperson Scott Stopak and Advisory Board Members [Vice-Chairperson] Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer and Penny Selders. Absent were Board Members George Forst II and Randy Cahill. Recreation staff members present were Recreation Asst. Director David Karlson and Public Works staff member Jeff Thornberg. Program Director Rich Carstensen and Program Coordinator Eddie Burns were absent.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on July 9, 2009. 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**

Chairperson Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Lodes.

Chairperson Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson 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**

Chairperson Stopak made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Committee Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

Stopak made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2009 Advisory Board meeting.

Motion to approve minutes.

Seconded by Committee Member Lodes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF**

Chairperson Stopak reported that the merger between the La Vista Lancers Soccer Club and the City is proceeding, with the Recreation Dept. still taking soccer registrations. The Lancer board members are helping when needed. The Recreation Dept. was informed this week that all the soccer registrants, even the 3-7 year olds, must pay a user license fee to the state, even though those ages are an in-house league. A fee must also be paid for each coach. The State may work with us this year on price, since our fee has already been established. It would then be bumped up next year to the normal fee. The state fee currently is \$6 per child, ages up through 10 years old. Eleven years and up is \$7 per child. The coaches' fee would be \$6 per coach.

Vice-chairperson Lodes state that he was not aware of those fees. He stated he would like to talk to some of the other local clubs that had in-house teams. Lodes said that the State's registrations are for a year's time (fall through spring), so that fee probably would not have to be paid until next fall.

Member Kupfer asked if the other youth sports are similar.

Asst. Director Karlson stated that for tackle football the department pays league fees for each team to the Nebraska Midget Football League (NMFL), and for baseball, it pays fees to Pony Baseball League.

Chairperson Stopak stated that we pay all their fees, and also abide by the rules they set, for example, the NMFL changed the age for the teams this year. Instead of having combinations of 9/10 and 11/12 teams, they are having 9, 10, 11 and 12 year old teams. 13/14 will stay combined. This is the rules they made, and we have to follow them. Soccer may be different however, since it is a state registered league.

Vice-Chairperson Lodes stated he would talk to some people to see how it works.

Chairperson Stopak mentioned that at the next Lancer Club board meeting, it may be asked if the Club might kick in some money to help pay the fees if need be.

Stopak also reported that the La Vista Panthers Baseball Association are again asking for a decrease in fees, and also to be named as the baseball club for the City of La Vista. The Council has been asked to give individual responses, and we are waiting to hear from those members. In prior meetings, the Council did not approve naming rights for the Panthers. The Panthers were then offered the same deal as the La Vista Lancers, and turned it down.

Vice-Chairperson Lodes asked if the Council reads the minutes from the Park & Recreation Advisory meetings? Chairperson Stopak answered that he believes they are given a copy and also, the minutes are posted on the City website when approved by the Advisory Board.

Vice-Chairperson Lodes stated that since Council presented the ultimatum to both the Lancers and the Panthers on merging or paying the regular fees. Lancers merged with the La Vista Recreation Dept. and the Panthers did not. If the deal is now altered for the Panthers, it may cause many problems.

Chairperson Stopak said he could relay that to the Council and Administration.

Chairperson Stopak said Eddie Burns is absent because he assisting the Panthers with their draft this evening so he would report in his place. The soccer registrations are still on-going. Adult softball will be coming to end in a couple of weeks. Fall softball registrations are being taken.

At La Vista Falls golf course, we are 252 rounds over June of last year. Year to date, we are 2,563 rounds ahead of last year. The 90 electric carts have been delivered, and the deck rails and flower boxes on the clubhouse are being rebuilt. It has been reported that another 9 hole golf course is being closed, so that will probably help La Vista Falls. In the future, a large screen television and a popcorn machine are possibly in the works. Public Works has a few things to do for maintenance, and cart paths will be added also.

Asst. Director Karlson reported the Beer Tasting class at La Vista Falls golf course had 13 people registered. Several beers were presented by a New Belgium Brewing Company

representative. Everyone had a good time, and there possibly will be another class in the fall. The golf course will be selling the leftover beer.

The Dinosaur Egg Hunt was at Southwind Park yesterday (Tuesday, June 14). There were 36 children and 20 parents who participated. This was the largest Dinosaur Egg Hunt ever. Jodi Tangeman, Asst. Director from the La Vista Public Library, did a story time incorporating dinosaur books to fit the occasion. Channel 6 News also came and did a short story for the news that night. This was a good location to have this event.

Rich Carstensen, Program Director is absent from the meeting. There is a report from him in the agenda packet.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Member Selders made the motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.