



**City of La Vista**  
**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**August 21, 2024**

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of La Vista convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on August 14, 2024. Simultaneously given to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice is attached to the minutes. The 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.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Director Heather Buller called the meeting to order.

- a. Director Buller led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Director Buller made an announcement of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference and read the Emergency Procedures Statement.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present was Vice-Chair Pat Lodes, Members Shaina Owen, and Samantha Gentry. City Staff present was Chair/Director Heather Buller, Parks Superintendent Jason Allen, and Administrative Assistant Sue Tangeman.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Member Gentry. Seconded by Member Owen. All aye. Motion approved.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15 meeting. Motion made by Member Gentry. Seconded by Member Lodes. All aye. Motion approved.

#### 5. DISCUSSION, DIRECTION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discussion and action of recommended fee changes for the Recreation Department – **Heather Buller, Recreation Director**
  - Buller presented the background of the proposed fee changes based on research of 16 similar entities in surrounding cities, the fees proposed, and asked for a recommendation to take to City Council.
  - After discussion and questions, It was recommended by the Park & Recreation Committee to take proposed fee changes to the City Council.
- b. Update on Reflection Plaza, **Jason Allen, Parks Superintendent**
  - Allen discussed updates on Reflection Plaza. The site proposed by City Council is Central Park East along the new road off of Park View Blvd.
  - A preliminary design was presented and discussed that decision on elements of the design will be brought back for recommendation.
- c. Update on Central Park Christmas Lights, **Jason Allen, Park Superintendent**
  - Allen discussed the new Christmas lights and decorations that are proposed for Central Park.

#### 6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Buller summarized the monthly operations reports for the Recreation Department
  - Buller highlighted the pool, which is closing on September 2, with demolition starting soon after.
- b. Allen gave a report on Parks operations for the month.
  - New restrooms are in and finished in Central Park East
  - Shelter base and frame is up at Central Park
  - City Park, field 2 renovation is finished. This is the Papillion – La Vista Monarch Softball home field. Their first game will be this week.

#### 7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee will take a tour of the parks, beginning at the Clubhouse in Central Park

#### 8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date will be on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.

#### 9. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### **10. COMMENTS FROM PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

None.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-chair Lodes made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Member Owen. All aye.  
Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.