

City of La Vista

Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
May 18, 2011

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 May 18, 2011. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen, Program Coordinator Ryan South, Members Corey Jeffus, Jeff Kupfer, George Forst and Member Shannon Wiig. Absent was Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 12, 2011. 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

Recreation Director Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Member Forst.

Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director 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

Director Stopak made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Forst. Motion carried.

Director Stopak made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2011 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak went over the event schedule for La Vista Days on Memorial Day weekend, beginning with the community cookout, live music, chalk art and fireworks on Friday night. These will be held at the Community Center parking lot, with fireworks at the golf course. The parade is on Saturday, along with the announcement of winners for the Baby and Pet Photo contests and the Motorcycle Show & Shine. The "La Vista Has Talent" contest was cancelled due to lack of registrations. At the Sports Complex., the Midwest Performance Fliers will have a remote controlled airplane show on Saturday and Sunday. During the remaining summer months, we will also host the Urban Adventure Race on July 9, and Splash Bash at the pool on August 7.

Assistant Director Karlson reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success, even though it was a cold and windy morning. 100 prizes were given out. Karlson wants to thank all the volunteers including City Council Member Terri Quick and Melissa Karlson who were this year's Easter Bunnies. Also thank you to the Lancers, Panthers and Bellino Enterprises Booster Clubs for their donations, and the La Vista Police and Fire Departments for their help that day.

The Arbor Day celebration was held at Mayor's Park this year, with the 4th grade from G. Stanley Hall helping to "plant" an Eastern Red Bud tree, which was donated by Stoltenberg Nurseries in Bellevue. Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District also donated tree seedlings to be given to each of the children and those attending the ceremony.

Karlson also discussed the Community cookout on Friday, May 27. For dinner there will be BBQ pulled pork, hot dogs and chips; Bouncy Town jumper and a climbing wall for the kids and the band Offutt Nightwing will entertain.

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen said the Midwest Kite Flyers will have their annual Kite Fly Festival in La Vista on May 1. Donald Murphy, a La Vista resident, travels around the U.S. to organize these events.

This month the seniors are going to Piccolo Pete's for lunch, and are also having 90 local elementary band students for lunch and to entertain. There will be a trip to the Nebraska Quilt and the Roller-skating Museums in Lincoln, and a movie on May 25. In June, we are planning a baseball game at Werner Park and will do some "guy" things for the men to celebrate Father's Day. We will also be getting and distributing the annual Farmer's Market Coupons. La Vista receives 30 coupon booklets. If there is more than 30 people apply, we will have a lottery for the coupons.

Director Stopak introduced Ryan South. Ryan was a Recreation Supervisor at the La Vista Recreation Dept for 2 years, then La Vista Pool Manager for 4 yrs. He has now returned to the City to fill the role as Program Coordinator. Ryan is now responsible for youth and adult sports and field scheduling

The City was awarded the Tree City USA award the second week of April. This is the 20th anniversary that La Vista has been awarded Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation. Arbor Day is April 29, and this year will be held at Mayors Park at 10:00 a.m. The 4th grade class from G. Stanley Hall will join in the celebration. They will each receive a tree seedling.

Program Coordinator Ryan South said that youth soccer and flag football were winding down to their last weeks. Youth softball will be finishing up their season with a tournament on June 10. T-Ball and Pinto baseball coaches meeting will be held next week, while the 9/10 yr. old baseball is playing in the YMCA league. Adult softball is in full swing, and will be on-going until early to mid-August.

Director Stopak announced that the City was given the go-ahead from the City Council to request bids for a consulting firm for the civic park master plan. Council also instructed staff to formulate a revised version for a new pool, with a \$5mil cap. Waters Edge was given approval to create the conceptual plans. The goal is to have a bond issue on the November 2011 ballot.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Jeffus asked if there were any plans in placing a crosswalk on 66th street, between the East and West complexes. There are many people crossing between the two parks, and traffic is very fast. Brian Lukasiewicz, Public Works, said they do help crossing pedestrians during special events, but it had not been discussed otherwise.

Member Forst wanted to know if the staff assigned to look at the aquatic complex was going to involve the previous aquatic committee. Stopak said that they would not, but would utilize all the data that was compiled in the previous aquatic study.

Member Wiig wanted to say that she took her family to the Easter Egg Hunt and thought it was one of the most organized events she had ever been to, and her family had a great time.

Member Forst made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.