

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
April 20, 2016

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 April 20, 2016. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Rich Carstensen, Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan, and from Public Works Rob George. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Jeff Kupfer, Greg Johnson and Gene Svensen. Joe Juarez was absent.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on March 9, 2016. 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 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. Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2016 meeting and the program information. Motion made by Member Johnson. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak told the Board that they have been busy with interviews for pool staff. Many of the lifeguards are returning from last year, including one of the managers.

Asst. Director Karlson reported on current special events and programs for the Recreation Dept.

Saturday March 12, our **Community Gardeners** had the chance to come the La Vista Library to meet with three Master Gardeners to pick up gardening tips and have their gardening questions answered by the experts.

Preschool Playtime met ten times in March, and had 237 preschoolers and 190 adults attend, which was an average of 24 preschoolers and 19 adults. **Preschool Story Time and Sing-a-long** met the first Thursday in March and had 35 kids and 30 parents attending. Preschool Play Time Craft Day had 20 preschoolers and 15 parents create fun springtime clouds that we later displayed at the front desk for the month of March. The La Vista Library (with Asst. Library Director Jodi Norton) and Recreation Department teamed up for a **Preschool St. Patrick's Day Party** at the Library, with 43 preschoolers and 25 adults attending. And finally, for our preschoolers in March, we had the **Easter Egg-Dying Craft Day**, in which 38 preschoolers and 24 adults participated.

Discover Play Home School Class enjoyed an afternoon of Scooter Board races and games. This class had 18 participants. The **Discover Home School Science Class** focused on “Bugs” this month. The Nebraska Natural Resource District sent a “Bug Expert” to help us teach 43 kids about the importance bugs play in our lives. Our expert brought a variety of bugs to see and hold, including Giant Hissing Cockroaches, and several other types of spiders and caterpillars. Parents tended to stay in the background and away from the bugs during this program!

Our newest program, the **Tween Adventure Series** hosted its 2nd adventure on Wednesday March 16th. This month’s adventure was titled “American Ninja Warriors Obstacle Course Challenge”. We had 42 participants between the ages of 9-12.

Program Coordinator South reported on current adult and youth sports programs.

Adult Softball began their season on April 10th. We have over 50 teams playing in our Spring/Summer league. They are scheduled to play until the end of July, but more than likely, with the rain, they will play into August.

La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy will have their first session on April 14th. We have over 65 kids participating in the academy this spring. They will play on Tuesdays and Saturdays. **La Vista 6/7 Youth Soccer League** will have their first session on April 14th. We have over 50 kids participating in the league this spring. They will play on Tuesdays with the academy and play league games on Saturdays. Both leagues play for 5 weeks.

3-Year-Old Soccer Clinic had their first session on April 2nd. This is a five-week clinic, which will conclude on Saturday, April 30.

Spring Flag Football League will start games on April 16th. Games will be held on Saturdays at the Sports Complex. We have 75 kids and 7 teams participating in the spring season that is an increase of 10 kids and one team from the previous year.

Youth Baseball for ages 7 – 12 started practicing on April 4th. They will start league games on April 30th. This year, we have over 95 kids and 7 teams participating – three 8U, two 10U, and two 12U teams. This is an increase of 15 kids and one team from the previous year.

Youth Softball for ages 7-18 will play in the Rainbow Softball League again this season. This season, we have two 8-year old teams, one 10-year old team, one 12-year old team, and one 18-year team with over 65 kids in all playing in the league. This is an increase of 15 kids and one more team than last year. Teams will began practicing on April 11th and will start league games on May 6th.

Youth Coed T-Ball registration is currently open with a deadline of May 14th. This will once again be an in-house league for boys and girls ages 5 & 6. They will begin practicing in late May and start games in June.

Saturday, April 9th at the La Vista Sports Complex, we hosted our first Major League Baseball Pitch Hit & Run (PHR), in conjunction with Sarpy County Tourism. This is a free skills event, providing boys and girls a chance to compete against each other in pitching, hitting and running in a fun and engaging forum. There were two separate divisions: baseball and softball. 15 kids pre-registered for the event, but 30 kids came to participate that day. We will be holding the event again in the fall.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on activities for the Senior Center and other events. Wednesday, April 13th, we had approximately 35 seniors come to the Mayor’s Spring Fling Pot Luck luncheon. Mayor Kindig grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Leah Hoins, La Vista Community Foundation

Director was unable to attend as planned, so will have her at a later date to speak to the seniors about what the Foundation does for our community. After lunch, John Worsham from Merry Makers performed. Friday, April 15th we discussed plans for the senior's garden plot at the Community Gardens. The senior garden plot is at Camezind Park this year.

Yesterday, Tuesday, April 19th some of the seniors went to Stella's Café for lunch.

Wednesday, April 20th Volunteers Assisting Seniors (VAS) was here to answer questions and help some seniors register for Homestead Exemption from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. They will come again on Wednesday, May 4th.

Monday, April 25th Brenda Chappell is coming to speak on behalf of the hearing impaired. She will also tell seniors how they can get phones and other devices to help with their hearing difficulties.

Wednesday, April 27th the seniors will be going to see a movie.

On Monday, May 9th Joyce Torchia from Merry Makers will perform for the senior center.

Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan discussed rounds for golf, footgolf and other activities for the golf course.

Golf Rounds March 2016	= 770 (- 447 rounds from March 2015)
FootGolf Rounds March 2016	= 14 (+ 14 rounds from March 2015)
Total Rounds March 2016	= 784 (- 433 rounds from March 2015)

Golf Rounds Fiscal year 15/16 thru March	= 3,112 (-455 golf rounds from Fiscal 14/15)
FootGolf Rounds Fiscal year 15/16 thru Mar	= 118 (+118 FootGolf rounds from Fiscal 14/15)
Total Rounds Fiscal year 15/16 thru March	= 3,230 (-337 total rounds from Fiscal 14/15)

It was a pretty typical March, as temperatures varied from 30 degrees to 79 degrees. We had several days where frost, flurries and rain kept the golfers away. The main reason for low rounds was due to the extreme windy conditions. On 19 of the 31 days in March, the wind was not favorable for golfing.

In March, we ran a Golf Daily Deal special (2 rounds for the price of 1) in the Omaha World Herald and sold 135 coupons. This was approximately 10 more than last year. We will be running a FootGolf Daily Deal special in April. 2016 golf leagues include:

The golf leagues registered for 2016 are as follows:

Monday PM Dinan Mixed = 20 golfers
Tuesday AM Sr. Ladies = 24
Tuesday PM Omaha Sports Club = 16
Tuesday PM LV Men's = 24
Wednesday PM Sr. Ladies = 8
Wednesday PM LV Ladies = 20
Wednesday PM Ladies (new) (every 3rd Wed) = 20
Thursday AM Shriners = 12
Thursday PM Dinan Men's = 12
Thursday PM Wonder Women's = 12
Thursday PM St Gerald Ladies = 8
Thursday AM Joe Johnson Sr. Men's = 28

Besides the leagues, Dinan said there are 14 other events scheduled, including a couple glow-ball outings.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.