

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
July 19, 2017

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 July 19, 2017. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Denny Dinan, Jeff Thornburg, Public Works Parks Dept. Advisory Board Members present were Members Greg Johnson, Gene Svensen, and Jeff Kupfer and Chairperson Pat Lodes.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on July 12, 2017. 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 and Program Information from the June 21, 2017 meeting. Motion made by Member Johnson. Seconded by Member Kupfer. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak announced that the Taste of La Vista was this coming Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 5pm-8pm at Central Park. Members of the committee will be at the park around 2pm, but any other volunteers are asked to be there around 4:30-5pm. There will be pizza, beer and several community engagement events that will help the city share information about the city.

Stopak also mentioned that the Urban Adventure Race is coming up on Saturday, July 29th from 8am-12pm. The race will begin and end at the Community Center, and will involve biking, running and challenges throughout La Vista and Papillion. Currently, there are 27 teams of 2 registered to participate, but registration is still open until next week. Numbers are down slightly this year.

Assistant Director Karlson reported on special programs, events and the Senior Center.

- The first outdoor concert and movie of the summer was held on Friday, June 9th outside the La Vista Library. Silas Creek was first up with a country music concert, and “Moana” was the movie that followed. This band drew an above-average crowd, and it grew even larger for the popular kid’s movie “Moana”. Silas Creek will definitely be considered again for next year!
- The program highlighted this month is the annual Dinosaur Egg Hunt and Story Time. This year it was held at Southwind Park on June 22nd. This is the 10th anniversary of the event, and over 175 kids, parents & grandparents attended.

- The Senior Foot and Wellness Clinic was held on June 14th, and had 12 seniors participate. Also that Wednesday, Kathy Stolarskyj from Nebraska Senior Legal Aid gave a presentation to 25 seniors on how to protect themselves from fraud. Karlson said that presentation led him later in the week into discussing with one of the seniors, on behalf of her husband, about all the sweepstake mail she was receiving, and how she should not answer them. She had been sending money to them, and she kept getting more and more in the mail. He explained to her that this is definitely a way of defrauding seniors.
- At the Senior Center in June, we had handed out the Farmer's Market Coupon for the State Dept. Of Health & Human Services. We distributed coupon packets to 34 seniors who met the age and income qualifications. These packets have \$48 dollars of coupons to be used at the local farmer's market stands, and this really helps them to eat fresh vegetables and fruits during the summer months. We had a couple packets left, and those were handed out within a few days.
- On Wednesday, June 29th, Merry Makers performer Joe Taylor entertained 28 seniors after lunch.
- On Tuesday, June 27th, 12 seniors joined us for the monthly movie outing to see "Beauty and the Beast".

Denny Dinan, Recreation Dept. discussed youth and adult sports, and special events.

- The summer sports are coming to an end. The youth baseball and softball have ended, but adult softball had a few rain-outs, so some will be playing into the first part of August.
- We have begun registrations for Fall Flag Football, 3-year old Soccer Clinic, 4/5 & 6/7 Soccer Academy and League, and Adult Fall Softball.
- Registrations will begin soon for Women's Fall Volleyball, Youth Coed Volleyball, Youth Basketball League and Youth Coed Basketball Clinic.

Jeff Thornburg, Parks Foreman, updated the Board Members on current activities within the Public Works Parks Department.

- Stated the Parks Dept. had been spraying for bugs in the parks, and the trees for the Japanese Beetles.
- The pump motor went out at the pool, but public works employees were able to get it fixed quickly.
- The Parks staff have been working on the sprinklers at the city facilities, and taking care of the lawns at those facilities and parks.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Member Kupfer motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Svensen. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.