

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
February 21, 2018

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 February 21, 2018. Present was Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Denny Dinan, Parks Dept. Foreman Jeff Thornburg, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Jeff Kupfer and Gene Svensen. Absent was Recreation Director Scott Stopak and Member Jonathan Jameson.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on February 14, 2018. 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

Asst. Director Karlson called the meeting to order.

Karlson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karlson 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. Asst. Director Karlson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2017 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Johnson. All Aye. Motion carried.

#### 2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Ryan South, Program Coordinator discussed past and upcoming special events.

- Urban Scramble Adventure Race will take place on Saturday, August 4th. On a 3 to 4 - hour course, teams of two will run, bike and navigate their way through La Vista and Papillion while searching for checkpoints and completing challenges and mystery events. The race will start and end at the La Vista Community Center. Registration will open on February 12.
- Splash Bash will take place on Sunday, June 24. This is a free event held at the La Vista Municipal Pool. No admission fee is charged from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm and patrons will enjoy a live DJ, games, prizes and free food.
- Pump & Run and 5k Edge Body Boot Camp and the City of La Vista have teamed up again for the 3rd annual Edge Body Pump & Run and 5k. The Pump and Run is a unique combination of weight lifting and running, offered to all racers no matter gender or ability. Pump and Run participants will compete in a bench press competition as well as a 5k run. We also offer the 5k as a separate event for those who just want to run and not participate in the bench press competition. This event will take place on Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6.

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

### **Pre-School Play Time**

December counts:

Adults = 126 Daily average = 16

Children = 200 Daily average = 25

Total Dec = 326 Daily average = 41 Total Play Time days = 8

We had a couple parents ask if we could increase our Pre-School Play Time another hour, so on December 19, 2017 we increased our hours to 10AM – Noon rather than 10AM – 11AM.

January counts:

Adults = 163 Daily average = 18

Children = 269 Daily average = 30

Total Jan = 432 Daily average = 48 Total Play Time days = 9

### **Current Programs**

Youth Co-ed Volleyball season ended on December 16th. We had two 3/4 grade teams and two 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade teams.

Adult Women's Volleyball Fall session ended on December 20. The winter session started on January 3 and we have 8 teams in this league. Currently we have played 7 games of a 12 game schedule.

### **Winter Programs**

Youth Basketball League has a total of 143 players, which is 26 more players than last year. We have 15 teams, 3 more than last year. We are again participating in the PRO Basketball League, and our gym is being used every night from 5pm -9 pm for basketball practice. Games are scheduled from open to close on both Saturdays and Sundays for games.

Team Breakdown:

Boy's 3/4 grade: 38 players = 4 teams

Girl's 3/4 grade: 18 players = 2 teams

Boy's 5/6 grade: 41 players = 4 teams

Girl's 5/6 grade: 19 players = 2 team

Boy's 7/8 grade: 27 players = 3 teams

Youth Basketball Clinic finished on Feb 10. We had forty-seven 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in the clinic this year, which is twelve more than last year's clinic.

Roundball Reindeer Shootout is a free throw contest for Kdg. through 8<sup>th</sup> grades that was held on Saturday, Dec 2. This event is co-sponsored by the City of La Vista and Sarpy County Tourism. This event involves the kids and a parent, grandparent, etc. shooting 15 free throws with the combined highest total of free throws being made the winner. We had a total of thirty-six 2-person teams for a total of seventy-two participants. This beat last year's total of thirty-five 2-person teams for a total of seventy participants. We are trying to increase participation in this event by possibly renaming the event, offering better prizes and including a 3-point contest in next year's event.

### **Spring Programs**

Registration began December 1<sup>st</sup> for 2018 Spring Baseball, Softball, Flag Football and Soccer. These sports' seasons will begin in April.

## **Other Events**

Santa's Workshop opened for the first time after the Tree Lighting ceremony on November 27th. In addition to that Santa was at the Workshop for 8 other events. We had a total of 1,572 visitors which was 3 fewer than last year. Our biggest night was a Thursday with 381 visitors.

David Karlson, Assistant Director, discussed programs, special events and Senior Center activities.

- On Thursday, January 4th, we held our second annual "Post-Noon Year's Eve Celebration Pot Luck Lunch." Our celebration kicked off at 12:00 pm with the band *George and the Jr's*. Forty seniors attended our celebration.
- Thursday, January 18th Merrymaker's performer Rich Patton performed to a crowd of over 20 seniors. Rich plays the blues, R&B, baby-boomer favorites, country, oldies rock n' roll and jazz.
- The Winter Olympic Senior Games were held on Tuesday, January 23rd. Sixteen seniors participated in the competition, which included throwing "snow balls" for accuracy, a snowman tumble contest and a winter word game. Walmart gift cards were given as prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category; and, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall. The gift cards were purchased from a \$1,200.00 grant we received from the Immanuel Vison Foundation. Karlson explained that the grant helps provide for prizes and entertainment throughout the year.
- Doctorial nursing student Marcy Sorrell gave a presentation to thirty seniors on Wednesday, January 24th. The presentation was on the importance of end-of-life planning. Ms. Sorrell led the seniors through the steps of how to make a living will.
- Ten seniors went on the monthly movie outing on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to see the movie *Murder on the Orient Express*.

Member Svensen asked which theater they go to. Karlson stated they usually go to Westwood Cinema 8, as it has the cheapest tickets.

- The Special Services Bus program is back to full staff with three drivers-Gary Golike, Jack Monzingo and Gary Meyer. Ridership has continued to increase, and we are looking into adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> day of two buses (instead of the current 2 days). Karlson said he would be working with Director Stopak in possibly requesting this.
- Karlson informed the Board Members that the numbers are up for lunches. On Wednesday the average is about 30-35, and Friday's average around 20-25. He has been planning many of the outings on Tuesday's as it helps with the participation in the lunch program.
- Karlson also stated that the traffic count for the Community Center has also increased due to participation in recreation/sports programs, and senior programs.

Jeff Thornburg, Public Works Parks Dept. Foreman

- Thornburg stated he and his crew have been doing minor work at the Sports Complex during these nice days to help get ahead of the curve before they open the complex in April.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None.

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