

City of La Vista

Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

June 20, 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 Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Director David Karlson and Foreman Rob George, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Greg Johnson, and Gene Svensen. Program Coordinators Ryan South and Denny Dinan, along with Members Jeff Kupfer and Jonathan Jameson were absent.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on June 13, 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

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 May 16, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Member Johnson. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director discussed regularly scheduled monthly activities and special events at the Senior Center, and other special events at the Community Center.

Merrymaker's performer Paul Siebert visited the Senior Center on Thursday, May 10. Over twenty seniors watched his performance.

Our monthly Movie Outing took place on Tuesday, May 29. Six seniors joined us on the van and an additional two seniors carpooled and met us at the Cinema 8 Theater to see the movie *A Wrinkle in Time*.

Our Tuesday/Thursday Tai Chi class had 203 participants for the month of May. The class is on summer break for June, July and August, and will restart on Tuesday, September 4.

Our Senior Meal Site program served 230 meals in May.

Our Senior Volunteer program logged 72 hours in May. We had five volunteers with an average of over 14.5 hours each.

On Thursday, May 14, we held our 1st Senior Prom. Thirty-six senior joined us for a potluck dinner followed by music, dancing to a live 50's & 60's band, and a photo booth. Everyone had a fun time. The oldest male and female in the group were crowned 2018 Prom King and Queen-Eleanor Tex and Lavern Bitter.

La Vista's Salute to Summer Festival was held on Memorial Day Weekend. The Carnival, Hometown Hero's Event and Hot-Wheels Racing kicked off the festival on Thursday evening. The Community Cookout, Car Show, Beer Garden and Fireworks took place on Friday evening. The Parade was held

Saturday afternoon and a free Family Pool Party was held on Sunday afternoon. The cookout was very well attended, even though it kept some away due to the heat. The parade on Sunday was topped off by the return of Dino the Dinosaur, donated by Sinclair Corp. He was applauded as he went by on the float.

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director

Stopak stated that Denny Dinan and Ryan South were unable to make the meeting, but their information was in the Park & Recreation packet.

The Triple Crown Slumbuster tournament is presently being played at the Sports Complex and City Park.

Splash Bash will take place on Sunday, June 24 from 1-4 p.m. at the La Vista City Pool. There is no admission, and patrons will enjoy a live DJ, games, prizes and free food!

The Urban Scramble Adventure Race will be held the morning of Saturday, August 4. There are 24 teams registered so far for that event.

The 3rd annual Pump & Run and 5k will take place later in the fall.

Stopak mentioned that at last night's City Council meeting, the Council approved the partnership for the indoor/outdoor amphitheater in the new park. This is exciting news for the city, as we will be able to hold several of our events there such as movie/concert night, Salute to Summer festival and others.

The pool has been very busy this year, even sometimes being at capacity upon opening time. The Special Services bus numbers have also been really growing. The passengers have flipped, where Ralston used to have the most riders, and now La Vista's passengers have taken the majority. The City did receive the new bus last month (purchased by Ralston), and we will be looking for a new bus driver soon, as one of our drivers will be retiring.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Johnson asked what age group is playing in the Slumbuster tournament. Stopak said it was in the 9-16 year old range, and that they come from all over the country. Rob George added that one of the teams was from Hawaii.

Member Svensen motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.