

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
September 19, 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, September 19, 2018. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Program Coordinators Denny Dinan and Ryan South, Public Works Parks Representative Rob George, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Gene Svensen, Jeff Kupfer and Jonathon Jameson. Asst. Director David Karlson was absent.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on September 12, 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 August 22, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Member Jameson. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Denny Dinan, Youth and Adult Sports Coordinator.

In August, Pre-School Play Time met 9 times and had 435 visitors, of which 248 were children. That was an average of 48 per day (28 children per day, and 21 adults per day). July had 256 visitors, so this was way up from the previous month.

Adult Softball leagues finished up August 21.

Adult Fall Softball leagues were scheduled to start Sunday, August 19, but were rained out. They will start their season instead on Sunday August 26. There is 6 teams on the Coed league and 5 teams on the Men's league on Sunday evenings.

Youth Fall Co-ed Flag Football: League play started on Saturday, August 11 and runs for 8 weeks. We have 80 players and 9 teams. (Kdg.-2nd grade = 3 teams, 3rd/4th grade = 3 teams, 5th/6th = 3 teams).

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic and 4/5 & 6/7 Soccer Academy and League registration deadline will be Saturday August 25 with the season scheduled to start September 4.

Youth Coed Volleyball: Registration began July 1 and will run through September 29 with the season starting in November. We will be partnering with the BJSA again this year.

Adult Women's Volleyball: Registration runs from Aug 1 through September 8 or until leagues are full. Games will begin on September 19 and run 12 weeks through December 19.

Football Skills Competition (formerly Punt/Pass/Kick): was held at the La Vista Sports Complex on Saturday, August 25. We had 31 kids, which was almost double over last year. We advertised as much as we could, but we can't seem to get the numbers up. It was very hot that day so may have kept some away.

Youth Coed Volleyball registration will run through September 30 with the season starting in November. We will partner with the BJSA again this year.

Youth Basketball League registration began on September 1 and runs through November 24 with games beginning in January.

Youth Coed Basketball Clinic registration began on September 1 and runs through Dec 29. Clinic will start on January 12 and run for 5 consecutive Saturdays.

Member Johnson asked how many teams do we have for Flag Football this season. Dinan said we had 3 teams this season in each division.

Member Kupfer said he understood the frustration over the Punt, Pass & Kick competition. We set up the event to start after the Flag Football games were winding up for the day. Dinan said they took fliers to youth flag teams, Papillion, Springfield, etc., and emailed all our coaches. 2 years ago we had 100 kids, so don't understand why participation is down, except that it was very hot. Kupfer asked if it may come to a time we wouldn't host it, and Dinan said they were talking about it. They would see how the numbers are for Reindeer Roundball Shootout, and the Pitch, Hit and Run this year. Stopak mentioned that they were once affiliated with the NBA and was a free event. NBA is no longer affiliated.

Dinan also mentioned that La Vista Sports Complex would be the location for the Creighton University Invitational Quidditch tournament on October 6 and 7. 8 college teams from all over are committed for the tournament (they are trying to get 10 teams) which will run all day Saturday and Sunday. We are having a special "Harry Potter Week" at the Library, and are asking Fontenelle Forest if they could bring couple raptors such as an owl and a hawk. Creighton will be bidding on having the regional tournament here also.

Chairperson Lodes said someone from a soccer team told him that they normally play at NP Dodge and it has gotten flooded out. They said they had contacted La Vista and wondered if it was available and if they had contacted us? Dinan said they may have, but the fields are pretty much booked up.

Rob George, Parks Dept.

George told the Board that they had gotten the pool closed down for the year, and they were working to get the fields aerated at the City ball fields, although it was hard with all the rain.

Stopak Stopak, Recreation Director

Stopak mentioned the Pump & Run, also on Friday October 5 and Saturday October 6. Friday night will be the weight lifting at Edge Body, and Saturday will be the 5k run. The after-party will be at Infusion Brewery with Mama's Pizza being served.

Stopak also asked if any of the Members had received the survey in the mail? This stems from the ideas on the chalkboard at Taste of La Vista. The board is on display at the Community Center (it uses permanent chalk that can't be rubbed off).

Last night at the Council meeting, a contract was approved for a firm to come in and do an organizational study for the Recreation Dept. and Public Works. They will look at staffing,

programming, and how the two departments work together. It will be a 14 week study, and hopefully this will guide us in the coming years.

A gated Dog Park was also approved for the area at 81st Street and Gertrude. The apartment owners will own and run this, but it will be open and available to the public, not just the apartment dwellers.

The Park internal committee is also looking at doing some modifications at the Eberle-Waldon Park in the near future.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

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