

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
November 18, 2015

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 November 18, 2015. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Rich Carstensen, Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan, and Public Works Parks Superintendent Brian Lukasiewicz. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer and Greg Johnson. Absent was Member Joe Juarez.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on November 11, 2015. 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 the 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

Recreation Director Scott 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 October 21, 2015 meeting and the program information. Motion made by Member Johnson. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Asst. Recreation Director Karlson discussed special events that occurred in the month of October.

Preschool Playtime met 9 times in October, with an average of 24 kids and 9 adults at each sessions. Preschool Storytime was held the first Thursday in October, with 12 preschoolers and 9 adults attending.

42 home schooled children met this month for "Discovery History", learning about the Underground Railroad. A guest speaker from the National Parks Service helped teach the children by using a variety of crafts and hands-on projects.

We had 10 kids join us for pumpkin decorating class. In addition to pumpkins, we also made crafts.

The Halloween Book Walk at the Library at Southwind Park had 123 kids and 84 adults this year which was a 15% increase from last year. The book they read along the walkway was "The 13 Days of Halloween".

Halloween Safe Night drew over 1,500 participants this year. Weather was really nice for everyone coming out to collect candy from over 30 vendors and to ride the hayrack (flatbed) in the grassy area across from the Community Center. A big thanks to the Public Works Dept. for all their help in preparing for this big day.

Program Coordinator South reported on current sport activities for adult and youth.

Tackle Football and Cheerleading wrapped up their season on November 1st. We held our annual football banquet at the Community Center on November 8th. The Football Booster Club provided food and entertainment for the players and their families. They also provided awards to the players and cheerleaders which were presented by the coaches.

Youth Volleyball for boys and girls grades 3rd – 6th have 3 more weeks of regular season play. An end of season tournament will be held on December 12th. Our teams have really enjoyed playing in our new SSLV Volleyball League this season.

Women's Fall Volleyball is in week 6 of a 12 week season.

Youth Basketball League for grades 3rd – 8th registration is still open. Registration will run through November 28th. We will once again be participating in the PRO Basketball League this season. Practices will begin in late December with games starting early January.

Youth Basketball Clinic for grades 1st & 2nd registration is open. We will take registrations for the clinic until December 28th. The clinic will run for 5 weeks on Saturday morning's beginning on January 10th.

South thanked Brian Lukasiewicz for Public Work's help during the annual Phoenix Futbol tournament "Soctoberfest".

A new event this year will be held on Saturday, December 12th, the "Roundball Reindeer Shootout", a family freethrow shooting contest. Kdg-4th grades and 5th-8th grades along with a parent or guardian will compete for the best score. This is a free event with no early registration.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on activities for the Senior Center and other events.

Wednesday, November 4th the Methodist Nursing Students came back to visit the La Vista Seniors and played Chair Volleyball and also did blood pressure checks for the senior center. Today, they came back with their report on Osteoporosis. Paul Siebert from Merry Makers came and put on a great performance for the seniors after lunch. Paul plays a number of different instruments and plays a variety of songs.

We are also teaming up with the Papillion Senior Center and going bowling at Papio Bowl. We look forward to challenging them to a great bowling match!

Tomorrow, Thursday, November 19th our group is planning to go to Parker's Smokehouse and BBQ for lunch in Greenwood, Nebraska and then return to the Gretna Shopping Mall for some early holiday shopping.

Sunday, November 22nd everyone is welcome to come up to the La Vista Community Center for our New Country Music Show and Jam Session. It will be from 2:00pm-4:00pm and will be a monthly occurrence throughout the next year on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Wednesday, November 25th the La Vista Senior Center will celebrate Thanksgiving with all the fixings. After lunch we will be taking a trip to the movies.

Carstensen also highlighted Sharon Bailey, our La Vista senior who heads up our Quilting/Sewing sessions on Wednesday mornings. As seen in the program information, Sharon and her group, which they call themselves "Old Biddies", make a lot of quilting and much of it goes to charity. Sharon is also making quilts in honor of our senior veterans. Shown in the program information is Sharon presenting Al Levene with his quilt that she made for him.

Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan discussed rounds for golf and footgolf in October. He also reported on events and outings scheduled for the month.

Golf Rounds October, 2015	= 1,266 (-138 rounds from October, 2014)
FootGolf Rounds October, 2015	= 65
Total Rounds October, 2015	= 1,331 (-73 rounds from October, 2014)

Golf Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru October	= same as above
FootGolf Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru October	= same as above
Total Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru October	= same as above

Dinan reported that it was a pretty typical October with rounds decreasing due to high school, college and pro football as well as the start of bowling leagues. Temperatures ranged from 52 to 92 degrees with several days being breezy and cloudy. The first frost delay came on October 16th.

Outings/Events:

Oct 4: Kerri Kelly	= 25 Golfers
Oct 14: ProxIbid	= 9 FootGolfers (second outing)
Oct 17: Clubhouse Rental	= 4 hrs. (Birthday Party)

Parks Supt. Brian Lukasiewicz reported on the activities that have been keeping his employees busy such as getting ready for Halloween Safe Night (hay bales, tractors, etc.), winterizing the parks, tree trimming in Southwind Park, and mulching. Also, Brian himself cut approximately 1,000 ornaments from the felled Christmas tree. These are going to be given out to the public at the Christmas Tree lighting on November 30th. Public Works has also been getting the sidewalk machines ready for snow, putting up Christmas light, and preparing for Santa's Sleigh Ride on November 29th.

Lukasiewicz also reported that Streets Supt. Greg Goldman will be retiring in December.

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 7:30 p.m.