

City of LaVista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
January 16, 2008

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of LaVista convened in open and public session at 7:02 p.m. on January 16, 2008. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Chairperson Greg Johnson, Randy Cahill, George Forst, and Pat Lodes. Absent: John Vendetti.

A notice of the meeting was given advance thereof by publication in the Times on January 10, 2008. 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

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Committee Member Cahill. Motion carried.

Recreation Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recreation Director 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

Chairperson Johnson made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Committee Member Cahill. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson stated that the Recreation Dept. is going to be a local host sight for the Jr. Olympics Skills Competition. The program is free for 8-13 year olds. There is Basketball, Soccer, Track & Field and Tennis competitions. There is a chance of advancement to regional and national level competition. Travel expenses would incur if the participant would advance to a higher level. The plan is to start next month with the basketball competition.

Recreation Director Stopak welcomed Pat Lodes back to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board. Pat was a board member as a resident of Ardmore in La Vista. He moved to the Val Verde subdivision, and with the recent annexation, was able to fill a spot on the advisory board left by Chris Kuehner this month. Stopak also introduced Eddie Burns, Program Coordinator, which is a new position in the Recreation Dept. Eddie will be responsible for the adult and youth sports programs and field reservations. Director Stopak also relayed that George Barth, of Public Works, has received the Outstanding Golf Course Superintendent Award for 2007 at the conference for the Nebraska Golf Course Superintendents Association for his excellent work on the grounds at La Vista Falls Golf Course.

Program Director Carstensen reported that since Eddie Burns will be covering the field reservations, he will have more time to dedicate to the Senior program. This month, they had a Police Academy for the Seniors. The LVPD visited twice, with Chief Robert Lausten, Officer Harald Rappold, Sgt. Brian Waugh and Officer John York with Police Dog Leda. Chief Lausten gave a presentation on the history of the La Vista Police Dept.; Officer Rappold talked about crime scenes and arrests. Sgt. Waugh discussed S.W.A.T. team tactics on Officer York and Leda discussed drug recovery. The Seniors thought it was a very interesting presentation.

Carstensen also invited the Advisory Board Members to the Senior Valentine's Luncheon on Thursday, February 14th, and to the Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on Saturday, March 22nd. The La Vista Youth Athletic Association (headed by Bellino Enterprises) have donated \$500 to be used for the Senior Valentine's luncheon or other Senior events.

Program Coordinator Burns stated that the 1st & 2nd grade basketball clinic will begin on Saturday, January 19th, with 2 sessions, 8:30 and 9:30 am. There are 28 children participating in the program this season. Also, the adult basketball league will begin on January 27 and run through mid-May. There are 12 teams participating in this league on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

B. SWIMMING POOL

Member Cahill asked if the new annexations, South wind and Val Verde, were included in the price of the pool provided this summer? Member Cahill also asked how many surveys were sent out? Director Stopak said he would find the answer and let the board know.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No comments.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Cahill made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chairperson Johnson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.