

City of La Vista

Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
June 15, 2011

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 June 15, 2011. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen, Program Coordinator Ryan South, Members Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes , Corey Jeffus, Jeff Kupfer and George Forst. Absent was Member Shannon Wiig.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on June 9, 2011. 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 Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes.

Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Director Stopak made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes. Motion carried.

Director Stopak made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2011 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak reported that the opening festivities of the SlumpBuster Tournament would start tomorrow, June 16, and would also have a televised all-star game at 7:00 p.m.

Stopak also reported that soccer fields at the Complex would stay open throughout the summer months. There would be times available for remote-controlled flying when no soccer is occurring.

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported for the Senior Center. On June 7, the Seniors went to the Mongolian Buffet for lunch, then went on a tour at Boys Town. On Monday, June 13, several Seniors took a trip to the new Werner park to watch the Omaha Storm Chasers play ball. Today, Wednesday, June 15, we gave out 26 Farmers Market Coupon booklets (worth \$49 per booklet) for the Seniors to use at several local fruit and vegetable stands. We received 30 booklets. On June 28, we will have a 4th of July potluck picnic at Central Park. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Father's Day trip due to lack of registrations. In mid-July, the Seniors will be going to the Masonic Temple to enjoy "Christmas in July" luncheon.

Assistant Director Karlson reported that he and the Assistant Library Director Jodi Linhart went to the Papillion-La Vista Family Fun Fest, where they handed out flyers for activities at the Library and the Recreation Center.

On June 10 we had 100-150 people at the first outdoor movie of the summer, "Iron Man 2". On July 24, the animated Dreamworks movie "Megamind" will show. That will be followed on July 8 with a concert showcasing "Blue House" band with the movie "Grown-Ups" to follow directly after. Another concert will occur on July 22. "Charm School Drop-Outs" will be the band, with the movie "Morning Glory" to follow.

The Little Chefs class was held yesterday, June 14 at the Community Center. We had children ages 2-9 yrs. The kids and their parent(s) made a three-course lunch including "bugs on a log", mini pizzas and dessert which consisted of rice cake with yogurt and fruit spread on top. While the food was cooking, Jodi Linhart, Asst. Library Director, read to the children stories about food. The kids had a great time and there was a good response to the class. We are planning on having another one at a later date.

Program Coordinator Ryan South reported that flag football had their last game. Registrations were being taken for the fall youth sports and adult softball. The summer adult softball is in its ninth week. T-Ball and Pinto baseball leagues began last week. There are two teams for 9/10 yr olds, who are playing in the YMCA league. There are no 11/12 yr. old teams this year.

This fall, the Youth Soccer Academy will continue. However, the 6/7 yr. olds will attend Academy on Tuesdays, but will play regular league games on Saturdays. This will enable them to better utilize the skills they are learning in Academy.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice-Chairman Lodes made a comment concerning the pool issue. He said he didn't think the last bond passed because people didn't realize or understand how much it is costing each year to maintain the existing pool. Maybe it should be publicized when repairs have to be made, such as the current baby pool issue.

Member Kupfer commented that he had heard that salt water pools were becoming the new thing. Thought we should check into it. Director Stopak said he would.

Vice-Chairman Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Forst. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.