

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
March 21, 2012

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 March 21, 2012. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South. Advisory board members present were Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer and Russ Wiig. Also present: Rob , Public Works. Absent were Members Corey Jeffus and George Forst III.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on March 16, 2012. 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 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 Lodes. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Lodes made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2012 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Member Wigg. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak informed the Board that there will be a Civic Center Park workshop held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 for the Planning Commission, City Council and the Park & Recreation Advisory Board. This workshop will be to review the final plans for the Civic Center Park.

Program Coordinator South reported on current sports activities:

- Women's Volleyball will end April 4th
- Adult softball league still has a couple spots open. The season will begin April 9th
- Youth '3/4 and 5/6 grades basketball ended March 17.
- The 3 year old soccer clinic is filled. There is 17 kids registered.
- Lancer Soccer this season has 3 teams in the Sarpy League and begins on March 31st, and 1 team in Ensa League. Their first game is March 26th
- 4/5 year old soccer academy has over 60 kids registered this spring. They will meet on Tuesday evenings and Saturday morning's beginning April 10th
- 6/7 year old soccer also begins April 10th, with academy on Tuesday evening's, and league games on Saturday morning's.
- Flag football will begin on April 14th. We have 100+ kids registered this season. That is double the number of registrants from last Spring session.
- Youth baseball still has some openings.

- Youth softball also has some openings. The younger teams will be playing in the PRO league, while the older girls will be in the Rainbow league again this year. Also this year, we will have a 9-12 grade team in the Rainbow league.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on the busy month of March at the Senior Center.

- On March 8, the seniors traveled to Corrigan Senior Center to teach and play chair volleyball with them, and also eat lunch.
- On March 15, the St. Patrick's Day luncheon was held. It was catered by Hy-Vee with corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots served. The Jr's Trio, a local band, performed after lunch.
- March 20 the seniors met at the China Star buffet for lunch.
- On Wednesday, March 21 several seniors took a trip to the movies after lunch.
- Thursday, March 29 we will be taking two busloads of seniors to Kearney. We will see the sandhill cranes, eat lunch at the Kearney Senior Center, and possibly shop. This will be a full day trip.

So far for April we have a potluck planned at one of the La Vista parks, and a trip to the Durham Museum where they will experience fashion seen in cinema from award-winning designers.

Carstensen also reported on the new program Play by Play for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Thirteen children are taking the class, and learning the basic skills of sports.

Assistant Recreation Director Karlson reported that on March 6 a Little Chefs class was held. The class was full, as the kids listened to a story, then decorated cookies. There will be another class held this summer.

Saturday, March 24 will be a BBQ Judging Class held in the gym.

April 27 is Arbor Day, and the City will be celebrating a little differently this year. In years past, elementary students would help "plant" a tree in one of the parks. This year, the event will be held in Southwind Park by the Library. It will be held in conjunction with the Library's story time groups. They will hear a story about the history of Arbor Day, and all the children will receive tree saplings and wildflowers. A tree will be planted in the park by the Public Works Dept.

April 4 Eggstravaganza will be held. The kids will be dying eggs with kool-aid.

April 7 the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Sports Complex on the baseball/softball fields. The times are staggered so parents will have time to get to the different fields for their children's age groups. The Panthers Baseball Club and Lancers Soccer Club have each given \$300 donation to the egg hunt. This helps purchase candy and prizes. There is a full committee working the event this year, not just the Recreation Dept. If anyone would like to volunteer, they would be welcome.

Director Stopak told the Board that he is working on a 1-4 year tree plan for the City with Public Works assisting. The Board will be asked to review it when completed.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice-Chairman Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.