

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
April 17, 2013

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 April 17, 2013. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South. Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Russ Wiig , Corey Jeffus and Jeff Kupfer. Also present: Rob George, Public Works. Absent was Member George Forst.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on April 10, 2013. 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.

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

Recreation Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2013 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried.

Stopak asked for approval of the program information. Motion for approval by Member Kupfer. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Assistant Director David Karlson reported that La Vista West 6th grade came to the Community Center for play day on March 15.

On March 21, we had the Egg Dyeing event. Forty-one 2-5 year olds attended. Jodi Linhart, Assistant Library Director, read the kids a story, and then we dyed eggs using Kool-Aid. We also had some UNO students who came to help out.

On March 28 was the Cupcake Decorating class for pre-schoolers. There were 27 kids and 23 adults attending.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 30. We hid 10,000 eggs. This year the age was changed to "up to 11 years old". Several La Vista Boy Scouts helped out with the hunt. Panthers Baseball and La Vista Lancers donated to the event.

Program Coordinator Ryan South reported on spring sports.

- Adult Softball began April 1 with 61 teams.
- La Vista Lancers Soccer League has two teams this year and began their games on April 6.

- 3 year old Soccer Clinic began on April 5, coached by Chairperson Pat Lodes. The clinic last 5 weeks and is held on Saturday morning.
- Soccer Academy for 4/5 and 6/7 year olds began April 13. We have 60 kids in the Academy this year. 4/5 year olds attend Academy on Tuesday and Saturday. 6/7 year olds attend Academy on Tuesday, and then play games on Saturday.
- Spring Flag Football began April 13, and is held on Saturdays for 8 weeks. We have 75 kids registered.
- Youth 7-12 Baseball teams are playing in the Ralston League this year. They began practice on April 1. Opening ceremonies will be held on April 27, as will the first games. Mayors from both cities will attend the opening ceremony, and each will throw out the first pitch at their respective games.
- Youth Softball is still in the Rainbow League this year, however, the league administration is now being shared by all the members – La Vista, Papillion P.R.O., Gretna and Springfield. P.R.O is taking care of scheduling and finances.
- 55 kids are registered for T-Ball so far this year. The deadline is April 27. They will begin practice at the end of May, with games beginning in June.

South also gave the Board an update on on-line registration/facility management for the Community Center. The City is currently looking into Active Network which consists of on-line rentals for rooms, fields and park shelters along with on-line registrations for sports and programs. This is a cloud based program.

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported on activities for the Senior Center for March, April and May. There will be a new Tai Chi class beginning for the seniors on April 23. The fee for that class is \$1 per week, with classes being held on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:15 a.m. This is a 10-week class sponsored by the Nebraska Safety Council. If there is enough interest, further classes may be scheduled. In March, the seniors went to Kearney to the senior center, viewed the cranes, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the Frank House and stopped in York at Lee's Marble Museum. April is a busy month. We had the Mayor's potluck luncheon on April 4. Mayor Kindig discussed the future of the La Vista Volunteer Fire Department, Vision 84 and Southport. On April 11 we went to the Piccolo's for lunch, then the Western Trails Museum in Council Bluffs to listen to a country music show. Today, April 17, we went to the movies to see *Argo*. April 22 we will have Brown Bag Bingo, and on April 24 Joe Taylor from Merrymakers will provide music after lunch. On May 6, we will have another entertainer from Merrymakers. May 13 at 12:30 p.m., four bands from the La Vista elementary schools will come and provide a concert for the seniors.

Director Stopak informed the Board the Community Center will be having the gym, hallways and game room painted on April 22-24. October or November the rest of the Center will be finished.

Stopak also reported that La Vista Falls Golf Course is open for business, and he is interviewing for pool staff for the summer. The pool will open on Saturday, May 25.

La Vista Daze will be May 23-26 this year. Thursday is the Teen Dance. Friday is the Community Cookout, Hot Wheels Racing, Touch-a-Truck, and a car show in the La Vista Keno parking lot. Saturday is the Mayor's Luncheon, Kiddie Parade, Parade and Remote Airplane Show, which is on Saturday and Sunday.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No comments.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Lodes commented that the numbers for the youth sports teams look great this year.

Member Jeffus, who also coached a basketball team, said Ryan South did a great job with the youth basketball league this year.

Chairperson Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.