

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
March 21, 2018

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, 2018. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Denny Dinan, Parks Superintendent Brian Lukasiewicz, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Jeff Kupfer, Gene Svensen and Jonathan Jameson. Absent was Program Coordinator Ryan South.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on March 14, 2018. 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 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

Director 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 February 21, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Member Johnson. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. All Aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

David Karlson, Assistant Director, discussed programs, special events and Senior Center activities.

- Merrymaker's performer Pamela Sue a former member of the WWII singing group the Avi8ors, performed to a group of 16 seniors on Thursday, March 1.
- On February 14, we hosted our annual Senior Valentine Luncheon. Over 130 seniors from the La Vista and Papillion Senior Centers joined us. The Mayor, several council members and city staff from La Vista and Papillion volunteered to help make this a special day for the seniors.
- Friday February 16, we took a busload of seniors to the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs for the Shrine Circus.
- Wednesday, February 21, six Methodist Nursing students played Chair Volleyball with the seniors and provided free blood pressure checks.
- Our monthly Movie Outing took place on Tuesday, February 27. Twelve seniors went to the Westwood Cinema 8 Theater to see the movie "Wonder".
- Our Tuesday/Thursday Tai Chi class had 113 participants for the month of February.
- Our Senior Meal Site program served 229 meals in the month of February.

- Our Senior Volunteer program logged 93 hours in the month of February. We had 10 volunteers with an average of over 9 hours each.
- La Vista's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Food Drive will be on Saturday, March 31 at the La Vista Sports Complex. Ages 4 and under will start at 10:00 a.m., ages 5/6/7, at 10:10 a.m. and ages 8/9/10, at 10:20 a.m. Karlson said they are still looking for volunteers if any of the Board Members would like to, or if they know of anyone that would like to volunteer, call Karlson and let him know.

Chairperson Lodes asked Karlson if they were having lunch five days per week now at the Senior Center. Karlson answered that yes, it began October 1, 2017.

Denny Dinan, Recreation Dept. discussed youth and adult sports, and special events.

Pre-School Play Time

February counts:

Adults = 143	Daily average = 18	
Children = 245	Daily average = 31	
Total Feb = 388	Daily average = 48	Total Play Time days = 8

Current Programs

- Adult Women's Volleyball winter session has played 11 games of a 12-game schedule. The spring session will start on April 11 and they will play a shorter 6-game session. Currently we have 7 teams registered.
- Youth Basketball League finished on February 23. A League tournament followed and was completed on March 8. The tournament was held at the La Vista Rec Center every night from Feb 23 through March 8. Several La Vista teams won their division of the tournament.

Spring Programs

- Registration are currently winding down and deadlines are approaching for 2018 Spring/Summer Youth and Adult programs.
- Coaches are being assigned and teams are being formed for youth baseball, softball, flag football and soccer, with practices beginning on April 2 with games starting in May.
- Adult Softball Registration deadline is March 24 with games beginning on April 8.
- Dinan said Creighton and Sarpy County Tourism were working on getting a Quidditch Fall Regional Tournament at the La Vista Sports Complex. We would hear soon whether we are getting that or not.

Upcoming Sports Events

- March 24: Quidditch Tournament: Creighton, Kansas, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville & UNC
- April 2: La Vista practices begin
- April 6-8: PLV Club Softball Tournament
- April 8: La Vista Adult softball leagues start

- April 9: Senior Softball games start
- April 14: La Vista Flag Football games start
- April 20–22: Papillion Outlaws Girls Softball Tournament
- April 28: PH&R and Jr Home Run Derby

Brian Lukasiewicz, Public Works Parks Superintendent

Lukasiewicz discussed what the Parks Dept. is working on as the spring season nears.

- Centennial Park in Val Verde the playground surface was resurfaced last fall.
- The ball fields are getting prepared for the Spring/Summer sports teams.
- All playgrounds in the city parks are being inspected and minor repairs are being done.
- The City has applied for two grants for trees for the Thompson Creed corridor. These trees would be planted from the Champion Park on Park View Blvd. back to 72nd Street.
- The department is busy getting the Sports Complex ready for the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Quidditch tournament coming on the following weekend. The bathrooms are being painted, water will be on and the crosswalks & parking will be ready.
- Mulch is being placed at Central Park, and the bathrooms are getting cleaned up and water turned on.
- Earth Day, Sunday April 22 we will have volunteers at Central Park to help clean up the park after the winter.
- The seasonal Parks help will begin in April. A former seasonal Parks employee, Woody, is now working building maintenance at the Community Center. He replaces Ken Mynster who retired last fall.

Chairperson Lodes asked Lukasiewicz if most items in the Community Center are original. Lukasiewicz said yes, and they are working on and replacing items a little at a time, starting with the roof. The scoreboards have been fixed and updated. Items in the kitchen have been replaced such as the refrigerator and the disposal.

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director

Stopak told the Board that we are currently working on the budget for Recreation, Special Services Bus and Pool budgets for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

Stopak said we are looking into doing some remodeling in the Community Center, such as paint, blinds, etc.

The third public Streetscapes meeting was held today, March 21 on the 84th street revision. This is the final meeting for the 1st phase of the revision.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Member Kupfer motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Svensen. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.