



City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
December 17, 2025

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of La Vista convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on December 10, 2025. Simultaneously given to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee, and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt is attached to the minutes. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the members. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to attendance of the public. Further, all subjects discussed in the meeting were contained in the agenda, which was available for inspection within ten working days prior to the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Heather Buller called the meeting to order.

- a. Director Heather Buller announced the location of the Open Meetings Act for public reference and read the Emergency Procedures Statement.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Members Josephine Pohl, Sarah Lara-Toney, and Vice-Chair Pat Lodes. City Staff present was Director Heather Buller, Parks Superintendent Jason Allen, and Administrative Specialist Kimmy Ludwick.

Absent was Members Samantha Gentry and Shaina Owen.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Member Pohl, seconded by Member Lara-Toney. All aye. Motion approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19 meeting. Motion made by Member Lodes, seconded by Member Pohl. All aye. Motion approved.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discussion on Arbor Day 2026 event planning. Last year we had a lunch and learn with 109 attendees including a nearby school. We plan to do the same next year and maybe bring in some educational speakers and additional schools. Discussion will be revisited next meeting.
- b. Discussion on Recreation expense reporting. The committee discussed challenges with breaking down expenses in the same way as revenue due to varying expense factors. It was agreed to continue the current reporting method while adding an additional column to compare year-to-year expenses.

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Buller gave updates for the Recreation Operations Report.
- b. Allen gave updates for Parks Operations Report.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date will be December 17 at 6 p.m.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

10. COMMENTS FROM PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- a. Member Lara-Toney shared her experience renting a community center meeting room for a birthday party, noting the convenience of not hosting at home and that the children enjoyed the activities available that day.
- b. Director Buller announced that Jared is organizing a dodgeball tournament and invited all departments and board members to form teams to participate.
- c. Member Lara-Toney discussed concerns that multiple public surveys being distributed simultaneously by different departments may be contributing to survey fatigue.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Member Pohl made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Member Lodes. All aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:53 p.m.