

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
August 21, 2019

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of LaVista convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Denny Dinan and Ryan South, Admin. Asst. Sue Tangeman, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Jeff Kupfer, and Jonathan Jameson. Absent was Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson and Member Nick Moyer.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on August 21, 2019. Simultaneously given to the members of the Parke, 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 Scott 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. Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2019 meeting. Motion made by Member Lodes. Seconded by Member Johnson. All aye. Motion carried.

#### 2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Scott Stopak, Recreation Director

Stopak updated the members on the Eberle-Waldon Park renovation. The shelter installation has starting but has been delayed because of weather. As soon as weather permits they will be getting concrete poured. The playground equipment selection is close to being finalized.

As a reminder, the Civic Centre Park trail & fountain dedication will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 5pm by the clubhouse, with the City Council meeting following at 6:00pm.

Brief update on the swimming pool, we are now in reduced hours and days of Friday, Saturday & Sundays. The last weekend will be Labor Day weekend, with hours being Friday 5-8pm, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Labor Day) 1-8pm.

Scott Stopak reported for David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director

The Senior Center had 1,105 seniors participate in activates last month at the community center, and served 161 meals for senior lunches. The Senior Volunteer program had four seniors volunteer a total of 88 hours.

Tai Chi had 194 participants. Senior Chair Volleyball had 64 participants, Bridge Club had 40, and Pitch Card Club had 63, Senior Bingo had 110 participants, and Senior Quilting Club had 83 participants. In June, the Quilters also started meeting on the first Saturday of the month in addition to meeting every Wednesday.

Our monthly Senior Care Clinic met three times last month and performed basic foot care and blood pressure checks for 24 seniors.

Eight seniors joined us for our Donut Society trip to a side-by-side donut challenge between Winchell's and Krispy Kreme. Krispy Kreme was hands down the winner with 7 out of 8 people picking it over Winchell's.

Merrymaker's Rich Patton performed to 18 seniors on Wednesday, July 24, and our Senior Movie Outing had eight seniors go to see "A Dogs Journey".

### **Special Events:**

Thursday, July 11 was our annual Hydrant Party. Over 100 people joined us to cool off in the giant sprinkler.

La Vista's Summer Outdoor Concert and Movie Night was held on Friday, July 19. The band "Silus Creek" performed followed by the movie "A Dogs Way Home".

The City will have a final movie/concert night labeled as the Fall Festival on September 21. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for this event, where we'll have movie, band, smore's and games. This will be held at the City Hall parking lot.

Denny Dinan, Youth and Adult Sports Coordinator

#### **Pre-School Play Time:**

July counts:

Adults = 96    Daily average = 14

Children = 164    Daily average = 23

Total July = 260    Daily average = 37    Total Play Time days = 7

Total June = 283    Daily average = 35    Total Play Time days = 8

- Play Time #'s were affected due to resurfacing of 84<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **Youth Sports:**

Coed T-ball: season ended July 13.

Baseball: League tournaments finished up on July 2

Girls Softball: League tournaments finished up on June 30.

Adult Softball: Has played 8 games of the 14 game schedule.

Fall Youth Leagues: registration started on June 1, for flag football, soccer clinic, soccer academy and league. Fall season begins play in August/September.

Adult Fall Softball and Volleyball registrations have begun.

#### **Events:**

Punt, Pass & Kick:

Girls and boys will compete in age divisions 6 through 15. Winners will qualify for the state competition on Sunday, October 13, at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln!

NEW THIS YEAR: An Adult Competition (must be 21+ years old) will be held upon completion of the youth contest. Separate Divisions for Men and Women. Adult winners will not advance to the state competition.

Register online at [www.cityoflavista.org/PPK](http://www.cityoflavista.org/PPK) through September 5 or in-person the day of the event.

Chairperson Lodes asked if the senior numbers were lower than they had been?  
Stopak said summer is usually lower, and Tuesday and Thursday are lowest day.

Submitted by Ryan South, Program Coordinator

**Events:**

Splash Bash scheduled for July 21 was cancelled due to inclement weather, but we will plan on continuing that event in the future.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Pump & Run will be held on Friday September 20-21. Friday night weight lifting portion will be from 5-7pm at Edge Body Boot Camp, and the Saturday 5k run will be held at the new City Centre Park at 10am. 15 people registered so far.

**Programs:**

A new program, Kids Can Run Camp met July 20<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>. They only accept 20 kids, and it turned out really well with 18 kids. They will have a Fall session which will start August 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will meet twice a week, Monday and Wednesday's, for 8 weeks from 3:30-4:30pm. It is the same setup as before – they will be outside unless there is inclement weather, and then they will be in the gym.

Jason Allen, Public Works Parks Superintendent

Jason gave a little background on himself as he just started with the City 4 weeks ago. He has spoken to each of his employees, and feels fortunate to have 100 years of tenured staff. Jason explained his philosophy on how he likes to run things and looks forward to working with the parks department.

So far, the Civic Centre park has been a focus since it was already in the works for the dedication. Most is done, but rain has held it up a bit. Irrigation is fully operational, germination is good with a lot of grass coming up. The fountain has been turned on and works great with over 60 programs it can run.

We are moving forward, and keeping things mowed, trimmed and seeing to citizen's requests. This city has a lot of landscaping so hard to keep up with it.

At last night council meeting, a larger mower was approved, which will be more efficient.

Some landscaping and cleaning up has been done at city complexes, and other areas that need tending too.

I have also met with Scott and Denny at the Recreation Dept., getting to know them, how they work, and how they operate so we can work well together.

Stopak mentioned that at the Council meeting the night before, that Waters Edge Aquatics have been approved to be a consultant on the process of a new pool, and that there would be community engagement meetings also.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.