

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
March 18, 2015

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 18, 2015. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Rich Carstensen, Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan; and from Parks Foreman Jeff Thornburg. Advisory Board Members presents were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson and Jeff Kupfer. Absent was Member Joe Juarez.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on March 11, 2015. 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

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

Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Member Kupfer. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak stated that the Comprehensive Plan "Look Out La Vista" is in full swing. There is an informational booth up in the Community Center and Library, with an informational kiosk and fact sheets available. The kiosk has an iPad which has the information about the Comprehensive Plan and events coming up, plus the first of several surveys for the public. The City wants as much community involvement as possible.

Stopak also reported that the Papillion-La Vista High School has expressed interest in utilizing the fields at City Park (78<sup>th</sup> & Josephine) as their home field for the Papillion-La Vista Monarchs Softball team. The school district would be funding the remodeling of the fields (one for games, one for practice). Additional information to follow as it becomes available.

Stopak said there would be a special meeting (date and time to be announced) where the public would be able to hear what is planned such as lights, etc., and how it will impact those that live near the fields.

Member Kupfer asked Stopak if they would get any information beforehand? Stopak said yes, they would get the information for the meeting in their packets as usual.

Program Coordinator Ryan South reported on Youth and Adult sports.

Women's Volleyball is in week 10. Their season will end on April 1st.

Adult Softball The registration deadline is March 21 or until leagues are full. The season will tentatively begin on April 12th.

Youth Basketball League teams are currently in tournament play. The 3/4 grade teams will end their season on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The 5-8 grade teams are finished.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic season will begin on April 4th.

La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy & 6/7 Youth Soccer League registration is currently open with a registration deadline of March 28<sup>th</sup>. The season will begin on April 14<sup>th</sup>, and will last 5 weeks.

Spring Flag Football League will begin their season on April 11th. We are currently forming teams and will have over 65 kids participating in the spring season.

Youth Baseball for age's 7-12 will begin their season in April. We have 75 kids participating this season and are up two teams from last year. This season we have two 7/8 Pinto teams, two 9/10 Mustang teams and two 11/12 Bronco teams.

Youth Softball for age's 7-18 registration is open until March 21st. All of our youth softball teams will play in the Rainbow Softball League again this season.

Youth Coed T-Ball registration is currently open with a deadline of May 9th. This will once again be an in-house league for boys and girls ages 5 & 6. They will begin practicing in late May and start games in June.

Assistant Director David Karlson discussed the Cookie Decorating and Story time on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. We had 30 kids and 18 adults participate. For the Discover Series program, we had Creative Play (Physical Education) this month. This is a program for home schooled children, and 21 preschoolers and 23 kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> graders attended. The Discovery Series for Art will be on Thursday.

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported that Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, Joe Blackstand from Right at Home Health Care called Bingo and brought treats and prizes for the seniors. Today, we had our annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon. Hy-Vee catered the lunch of corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes. After lunch, the group was entertained by Johnny Ray Gomez. Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Tim Javorski from Merry Makers will perform, and on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, the seniors are going to the movies. April 13<sup>th</sup> we are going to Corrigan for lunch and entertainment.

Golf Course Services Manager Dinan reported on the La Vista Falls Golf Course for February, 2015:

February 2015 rounds = 2 (-57 rounds from February 2014)

February 2014 rounds = 59

Fiscal year 2014/15 rounds = 2,350 (+501 rounds from fiscal year 2013/14)

Fiscal year 2013/14 rounds = 1,849

February was a very cold month with 8" of snow on February 1st and another 3" on February 4th. The course was snow covered and it was cold throughout the entire month.

League registrations have begun and calls are coming in about golf outings. Currently, we have one outing set up for June 13th consisting of 20 golfers playing 18 holes.

Dinan also reported that extensive research had been done regarding offering a new activity called FootGolf. We are now going to offer this new activity on Mondays and Wednesday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 5:00 p.m. until dark. FootGolf is a combination of the popular sports of soccer and golf. It is played with a regulation #5 soccer ball at a golf facility on shortened holes with 21" diameter cups. The rules largely correspond with the rules of golf. Fees will be \$11 for adults, Children \$8.50. Carts will be \$7.00 and if you want to rent a ball it will be \$3.00. You can bring your own ball.

Chairperson Lodes asked if the course would be the same as in golf? Dinan said it will basically be the same, but the hazards will be taken out of play such as the creek, pond, etc.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Johnson asked why the revenue fluctuates from month to month on the Revenue/Traffic report from the Recreation Dept. Stopak stated it was because there had been a lot of registrations for spring sports, and that certain times of the year it would be that way.

Director Stopak made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.