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City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
May 20, 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 May 20, 2015. Present was Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Rich Carstensen and Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan. Advisory Board Members presents were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Joe Juarez and Greg Johnson. Absent was Member Jeff Kupfer.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 13, 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

Asst. Director Karlson called the meeting to order.

Karlson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karlson 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

Asst. Director Karlson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Member Juarez. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Assistant Director David Karlson reported on special events that were held in the month of April. On April 1st, Ms. Jennifer joined me in hosting the first ever Box Car Drive-In Movie. 18 kids ages 4 through 8 decorated cardboard boxes to look like cars, complete with windshields, headlights, spinning wheels and creative paint jobs. We then formed a long line and drove them through the Metro Community College lobby honking and waving at the college students as we went. As we entered the Library, we turned off the motors so we could drive quietly through to the multi-purpose room. We then parked the cars in several lines in front of the movie screen to watch "Cars" of course!

Preschool Play-Time Craft Day was on April 2nd. We had 26 preschoolers and parents dye Easter eggs with Kool-Aid.

Saturday, April 4th was the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Food Drive. The event has steadily grown over the years, and we had many volunteers this year including Werner Enterprises (15), Sam's Club (18), and Cub Scout Troop 485 (16). Martial Arts International donated 5,000 eggs, and La Vista Community Foundation donated \$1,500 plus had several volunteers. La Vista Public Works and La Vista Police Dept. helped get everyone in and out of the parking lot safely. Thank you to all that helped!! Finally, all the egg hunters donated over 2 ½ truckloads of canned goods and \$250 cash to the Tri-City Pantry.

Discover Series Home School program met on April 9th. 22 kids grades kdg. through 4th grade designed, created and ran through an obstacle course they set up in the gym. We also met on April 16th & 23rd for the last science program of the year, Discover Oceans. 18 kids participated and learned about the creation and life around the ocean's coral reefs.

On April 18th, 26 of our Community Gardeners were able to attend a seminar at the La Vista Library where three Master Gardeners from the Nebraska Community Extension Office answered questions on gardening.

La Vista's annual Arbor Day celebration took place on April 23rd. 46 preschoolers along with 34 parents, grandparents, plus City employees listened to La Vista Police Officer Jamie Brown read the book "Maple" followed by the kids taking turns with their new green and pink shovels putting dirt into the new tree on the south lawn of City Hall. Back at the Community Center, the kids participated in a leaf rubbing craft and playtime in the gym. Each were given a colorful bucket with bubbles, cookies, gummy worms and a shovel with a live tree sapling and wild flower seeds for them to plant at home.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on activities for the Senior Center. We play Chair Volleyball every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Bingo is every Monday and Friday after lunch. Wednesday mornings we also play Wii bowling, and have drop-in quilting and sewing (for beginners or seasoned sewers!) Bring a project in to work on, or if you need help the girls will show you how! Monday and Thursday we have Tai Chi.

On May 6th Hillbilly Hal from Merry Makers performed for about 35 seniors. May 8th, 14 seniors went to Lauritzen Gardens for Mother's Day. May 14th was supposed to be the Spring Fling Potluck Picnic at Central Park. However, due to the weather, it was moved inside to the Community Center. Mayor Kindig attended along with ten of our La Vista police officers.

May 15th the La Vista Senior Scrappers walking group finished their walking challenge, but sadly lost to the Papillion Strollers. They took the early lead and kept it throughout. The La Vista Scrappers will be treating the Papillion Strollers to a luncheon!

Sadly, the La Vista Kite Fly was cancelled due to the weather. However, there were still some flyers out there that had a great time! The next fly is scheduled on October 11th.

Also, the "Salute to Summer" is coming up, and on Thursday, May 21st Hot Wheels Races will be held, with registrations at 7:00 p.m. and races beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Program Coordinator South reported on current sport activities for adult and youth. Adult Softball teams are in week 7 of a 14 week season. Due to rainouts, the season will be extended slightly.

La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy and 6/7 Youth Soccer League will end their season on May 19th. Due to rainouts, the season will be extended slightly. 3 Year Old Soccer Clinic ended their season on April 30th. We will offer the soccer clinic again in the fall and as always, and we thank Pat Lodes and his family members for volunteering their time to run the program.

Spring Flag Football League is in week 6 of an 8 week season. They are scheduled to finish up on June 6th.

Youth Baseball started their regular season games on May 2nd. Their season will run through the end of June with tournament play beginning on June 22nd. Youth Softball for ages 7-18 is in week 3 of an 8 week season. Their games are held on Fridays and Saturdays. Their regular season will run through June 20th with tournament games beginning on June 22nd. Youth Coed T-Ball for ages 5 & 6 will begin practicing May 26th and games will start in June. We are currently forming teams. T-ball will be played in-house with games held on Saturdays at La Vista City Park.

For the Fall season, these registration are now open: Fall Adult Softball opened May 18th and will run through August 8th. Games will tentatively begin on August 23rd. Flag Football, Tackle Football, Cheerleading, 3 Year Old Soccer Clinic, 4/5 Soccer Academy and 6/7 Soccer League and Coed Youth Volleyball are now all open.

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

April 2015 rounds = 1,384 (+132 rounds from March 2014)

April 2014 rounds = 1,252

Fiscal year 2014/15 rounds through April = 4,951 (+1,093 rounds from fiscal year 13/14)

Fiscal year 2013/14 rounds through March = 3,858

April 1st began as a beautiful, warm, breezy, sunny, 85 degree day. From then on we did not see another day in the 80's, and the rain and winds started. Twenty days in April were either wet, rainy, windy, or a combination of all of those. Not a great month as far as weather goes but we did exceed last April by 132 rounds.

The FootGolf "KickOff" was held on May 8th. The Mayor addressed the crowd before we let them on the course. It was a great turnout with 120 rounds of Footgolf played and many more people who just came down to check it out but didn't play. We had kids from approximately 5 yrs. old along with people in their 60's trying it out. We gave away free hot dogs, popcorn and pop during the kickoff. Special thanks goes out to the entire Recreation Dept, as well as many others, for their help with this event. It was a huge success!!

Since the FootGolf Kickoff, we have had 36 rounds of FootGolf play, the majority (29 rounds) coming on Sunday, May 10 when there was decent weather.

2015 Golf Leagues include:

Monday Mixed League: Dinan/Knowlton	- 12 golfers
Tuesday AM ladies: MOQ Seniors	- 40 "
Tuesday Omaha Sports Club	- 16 "
Tuesday PM La Vista Men	- 28 "
Wednesday PM Senior Ladies	- 8 "
Wednesday PM La Vista Women	- 31 "
Thursday AM Shriners	- 8 "
Thursday PM Men: Dinan/Knowlton	- 12 "
Thursday PM Wonder Women	- 16 "
Thursday PM St Gerald Women	- 10 "
Friday AM Men's Joe Johnson	- 28 "

Outings/Events Scheduled:

April 25: Poop Deck golf outing: 24 golfers = Rained Out
May 17: High School Graduation Party in the clubhouse: 4 hr. rental
May 22: Salute to Summer fireworks
May 23: Salute to Summer "GlowBall" = 60 golfers
May 24: Omaha FC; FootGolf outing = 20 FootGolfers
May 27: FootGolf Outing=18 FootGolfers
May 31: Czech Club golf outing = 20 golfers
May 31: FootGolf Outing = 20-25 FootGolfers
May 31: Lewis Central H.S. FootGolf Outing = 25-30
June 7: Darby's golf outing = 28 golfers
June 7: Bell FootGolf party = 10 FootGolfers
June 13: First Baptist Church = 20 golfers playing 18 holes

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Lodes asked Dinan how the "flow" of the FootGolf seemed to be going. Dinan said the flow was steady, with no one taking more than 1 ½ hours to play 9 holes.

Asst. Director Karlson asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Juarez motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.