

Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

June 15, 2016

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 June 15, 2016. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, and from Public Works Rob George. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Joe Juarez, and Gene Svensen. Absent was Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan, Program Coordinator Ryan South, Members Jeff Kupfer and Greg Johnson.

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 May 18, 2016 meeting and the program information. Motion made by Member Juarez. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Assistant Director David Karlson reported on special programs, events and the Senior Center.

Preschool Playtime had an average of 13 preschoolers and 12 adults attending in May.

The Papillion-La Vista Schools Elementary students, who belong to the H.A.L. program (Higher Ability Learners) held their annual math competitions in our gym. On Thursday, June 12th, 3rd & 4th graders from the district's several elementary schools held their competition, and on Tuesday, June 17th, the 5th & 6th graders held theirs. Each one is an all-day affair, and at the end the winners are announced with parents and grandparents in attendance. Next year, the plans are to hold the competition March 7th & March 21st.

Preschool Story Time and Sing-a-long met the first Thursday in May and had 14 kids and 12 adults attend. Preschool Play Time Craft day had 15 preschoolers and 12 parents create May Baskets.

The new program "Pick-a-Park Story Time" was unfortunately canceled in May due to rain, as was the "Tween Adventure Foot Golf"

The new "Evening Family Preschool Play Time" was open each Tuesday in May from 5:30pm-7pm. We did not have any families attend in May, however, we are still advertising it and have had a couple of families attend in June.

Seniors had a little time off in May due to the La Vista Salute to Summer festivities, and the Memorial Day holiday, but managed to squeeze in a few activities during the first half of the month.

VAS (Volunteers Assisting Seniors) Homestead Information and Registrations were held on Wednesday, May 4th. VAS provided application assistance for qualified seniors seeking property tax relief through the Homestead Exemption program.

Friday, May 6th the seniors celebrated National Public Gardens Day by visiting the beautiful Lauritzen Gardens.

Merry Makers performer Joyce Torchia performed for the seniors on Monday, May 9th.

Throughout the month, the seniors attend lunches on Monday, Wednesday's & Friday's, catered by Valley Food Services. They also play Bingo on Monday's and Friday's, Chair Volleyball Wednesday's and Friday's, and cards each lunch day. Many of our seniors participate in the Tai Chi class which is offered on Monday's and Thursday's. Also, on Wednesday's at 9am, we have a group that meets for quilting, sewing, knitting and crocheting, or any craft that you enjoy working on. Sharon Bailey, the creator of the group, has made quilts for veterans, Fire Depts. and Police Depts. Starting July 11, the Red Hat ladies will also be meeting at the Community Center.

Director Stopak gave a summary submitted by Program Coordinator South, on current adult and youth sports programs.

Adult Softball teams are in week 10 of a 14-week season. Due to multiple rainouts, the season will be extended slightly. Registration for the fall is now open and will run through August 6th or until leagues are full.

Spring Flag Football League held their last games of the season on June 11th. Registration has already begun for the fall 2016 season.

Youth Baseball for ages 7-12 will play games through June with tournament play starting on June 20th for our Yearling teams and June 27th for our Mustang and Bronco teams.

8U Pinto Softball is winding down with their last games being held on June 25th.

Youth Softball for ages 9-18 will end their regular season games on June 25th. Tournament play will tentatively begin on June 27th and will wrap-up on June 30th.

Youth Coed T-Ball for ages 5 & 6 began practicing on May 31st and will have their first games on June 11th. They will continue games through July 23rd at our City Park Fields. We have four T-Ball teams this year.

Triple Crown SlumpBuster Tournament will begin on Thursday, June 16th and run through June 30th. I invite you to stop by the Sports Complex during this time to see how great this tournament is for La Vista. Games generally run from 8:00pm-4:00pm.

Director Stopak gave a summary submitted by Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan, on rounds for golf, FootGolf and other activities for the golf course.

Golf Rounds May 2016	= 2,437 (+410 rounds from May 2015)
FootGolf Rounds May 2016	= 82 (-179 rounds from May 2015)
Total Rounds May 2016	= 2,519 (+231 rounds from May 2015)

Golf Rounds fiscal year 15/16 thru May	= 6,919 (-59 golf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
FootGolf Rounds fiscal year 15/16 thru May	= 248 (-13 FootGolf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
Total Rounds fiscal year 15/16 thru May	= 7,167 (-72 total rounds from fiscal 14/15)

Although we had 8 days of rain in May, our golf round counts were good, as we had 410 more rounds than last May.

Unfortunately, it rained on 7 of the 14 days FootGolf was scheduled, so those rounds really suffered.

May Outings:

- 3 Golf outings (Darby's Tavern, Czech Club, Tubbs family)
- 1 FootGolf outing (Lincoln Financial)
- 1 Glow Ball outing (Salute to Summer)
- 1 Club House rental (High School Graduation Party)

Stopak also reported that they were going to have some type of "thank you" to our La Vista Falls golfer's and footgolfer's before the golf course closes at the end of September.

Stopak thanked all the staff that worked on Memorial Day weekend for Salute to Summer. Also, Splash Bash will be held on June 26th from 1-4 with food, drink and a d.j. If anyone would like to volunteer, they need to come to the pool about 12:00pm. Mayor and Council members will be helping out.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Lodes asked Asst. Director Karlson when the next movie/concert was. Karlson stated it was June 24.

Lodes also asked Rob George about the NRD project of realigning of the channel on the south side of the soccer fields, and whether or not it would interfere with the fields? George and Stopak explained that we may lose a couple of the smaller fields, but it may not be permanent.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Juarez. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.