

City of La Vista

Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
April 20, 2011

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 April 20, 2011. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen, Members Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes, Corey Jeffus, Jeff Kupfer, George Forst. Absent was Member Shannon Wiig.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on April 14, 2011. 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

Recreation Director Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes.

Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director 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 made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes. Motion carried.

Director Stopak made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2011 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Member Forst. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported on activities from the Senior Center. In April, the seniors have gone to Stella's Restaurant in Bellevue, and took a trip to Brownville, NE. Twenty seniors enjoyed the trip that took them to visit an art gallery, a renovated depot, the United States only floating bed & breakfast, and Whiskey Creek Winery.

Assistant Director Karlson reported that the Kansas City Barbeque Judging class was held on March 26, with 65 people attending. Karlson stayed with the judges all night at the Community Center and cooked with the competition team.

Karlson also reminded the Board that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 at the La Vista Sports Complex. This year, all four baseball/softball fields will be utilized for the different age groups.

3 yr. old Soccer Clinic has about 14 kids this year! Pat and Danette Lodes are again coaching the parents and kids, and doing a great job. Soccer Academy for 4, 5, 6, & 7 yr. olds began April 5. The academy style is a really good program, with all the kids getting a ball during their practice. It has enabled better learning, and the kids are active at all times. Next year, we may look at having a league for 7 yr. olds who have already played on a team. Flag Football also began two weeks ago.

Vice-Chairman Lodes asked what nights the Senior Softball league is playing. The Nebraska Senior Softball (NSS) is playing on Monday and Wednesday's. Member Kupfer asked about the City's adult softball league, and if it was filled. Stopak said no, they did not fill up, and possibly the reason was the addition of the NSS league utilizing the fields on nights adult softball may have wanted.

Director Stopak informed the Board that Eddie Burns was not longer employed with the City of La Vista. The position has been advertised.

Tree City was awarded the second week of April. This is the 20th anniversary that La Vista has been awarded Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation. Arbor Day is April 29, and this year will be held at Mayors Park at 10:00 a.m. The 4th grade class from G. Stanley Hall will join in the celebration. They will each receive a tree seedling.

Public Works Director Joe Soucie, Recreation Director Scott Stopak, have been chosen to work on the task that Council laid out for the swimming pool, which includes keeping it in the 5 million dollar range. Summer Drive work is not included in that range. There will likely be a bond issue in November of this year, or May 2012.

Vice-Chairman Lodes commented that he doesn't think the public realizes how much money it costs every year for repairs to the pool, and it would help to let the residents know those figures. Lodes said that the City of Omaha has an open website for comments, and maybe we should look into that.

Stopak said the swimming pool is due to open on Saturday, May 28, 2011.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Member Kupfer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.