

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
May 19, 2010

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 19, 2010. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, and Advisory Board Members [Vice-Chairperson] Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer and George Forst III. Recreation staff members present were Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson, Recreation Program Director Richard Carstensen, and Recreation Program Coordinator Eddie. Jeff Thornburg, Public Works also attended.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 13, 2010. 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 Lodes.

Recreation 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 Committee Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

Committee Member Kupfer made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2010 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Committee Member Forst. Motion carried.

**REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF**

Assistant Director David Karlson reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success, and the location change was well received. The majority like the sports complex area and the abundance of parking for the event. There were 15,000 eggs hunted that day and over 100 prizes given out. Karlson also gave a big "thank you" to Member Pat Lodes for his help and hard work at the Egg Hunt.

Karlson also reported on the Arbor Day celebration on April 30, 2010. This year the event was held at Champion Park, and was a much larger event than in prior years. A large tent was erected, with speeches given on the importance of Arbor Day. Brenda Gunn, La Vista City Administrator, unveiled a new park concept for Champion Park, to be possibly renamed Memorial Park, with a bridge crossing connecting it to Central Park. Black Hills Energy donated money to the City for 50 trees in honor of La Vista's 50 year anniversary. A Swamp White Oak was planted for Arbor Day at Champion Park. The other trees will be planted throughout La Vista.

The La Vista Luggage Club has now traveled to Pella, IA for the tulip festival and to Harlan IA for the Lowe Family Concert. Six people are signed up to take the Brownville NE trip.

Program Coordinator Eddie Burns reported that 3 year old soccer clinic was successful this season, and Member Pat Lodes and his wife Danette co-coached the team. They said it was fun, and parents are calling about the fall session.

4/5 year old soccer is wrapping up on June 5. Flag football teams are playing in a league with Papillion, Offutt, and the YMCA. They will be playing all games on our fields. Girls Softball is in the Rainbow League this year. Coaches like the league; the only issue is that there are not enough games on our home fields.

There will be a coaches meeting for t-ball and coach pitch baseball next week. The first game is June 19, and the season last 6 weeks.

Registration for soccer, Lancers soccer, 3 yr. old soccer clinic, flag football, tackle football, volleyball, and cheerleading is in progress.

Program Director Richard Carstensen reported that the seniors went to Lauritzen Gardens on May 7. On the 12<sup>th</sup> the G. Stanley Hall Elementary band played for the seniors and had pizza for lunch. May 14 was the movies, and on May 18, fourteen seniors went to the Bellevue Senior Center to play bingo and have lunch. It was enjoyable to go to another Senior Center. On May 20, the seniors will be having a potluck picnic, which will be at the Community Center since the weather report is bad. May 29 is the La Vista Daze parade, and the seniors will be riding in the special services bus in the parade.

The hand pottery class that was scheduled was cancelled due to a lack of interest. They may try again in the fall.

In June, the seniors will be going to an Omaha Royals game and to Avoca Iowa for International Tractor display, and they have a doll collection. They will be eating lunch at Quaker Steak & Lube in Council Bluffs.

Director Stopak reported that the La Vista Falls Golf Course had a good April. Rounds were up from last year at this time, the most since 30/04. There have been several changes at the clubhouse, such as; a new HD big screen television, a popcorn machine and a wider variety of alcoholic beverages are now available. Public works is also finishing the new cart paths.

The pool is opening May 29, 2010. It will be opening at 3:00 p.m. (instead of 1:00) due to the La Vista DAZE parade being held. After opening day, hours will be 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. daily until August, when we reduce the hours due to school beginning. The pool will be open until Labor Day, September 6.

La Vista Daze is Memorial Day weekend. The Community Cookout is on Friday, which will have a climbing wall, concert by the Notables, free dinner catered by Bob Stover, and fireworks from the golf course afterwards. On Saturday at 10:00 a.m., there is a chalk art demonstration at the Community Center, the Mayor's Luncheon at 11:30 at Central Park tennis courts, at which the Baby Photo contest winners will be announced. The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m., the Motorcycle Show & Shine will be held on Valley Road across from Central Park. This event has a \$5 entry fee, which benefits Camp Floyd Rogers, a camp for diabetic kids ages 8-18. Also on Saturday at 3:00-5:00 p.m., there is a remote controlled airplane show by the Midwest Performance Fliers at the Sport Complex. From 5:00-7:00 p.m., they will give free flying lessons. Sunday is the Showcase La Vista talent show at the Community Center from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The La Vista 50 events the Recreation Dept. is involved with this year include the Founders Day Luncheon at the Embassy Suites (held in February), the Arbor Day celebration, and outdoor movies throughout the summer, Splash Bash and outdoor concerts throughout the summer months. The Splash Bash will be August 1, with free admission and free food. Another event, the La Vista Urban Scramble Adventure Race, will be held on July 10.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

## COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice-Chairperson Lodes suggested that the Easter Egg Hunt be moved to the soccer side of the sports complex if the weather is good (too much snow was piled there this year). There would be more area to separate the age groups. Lodes thought the location, parking, restrooms etc. was a good idea.

Lodes also asked about the 18 teams for youth soccer.

Program Coordinator Burns responded that the 18 teams included Phoenix Soccer Club and teams from St. Columbkille Church.

Member Kupfer asked if there has been any discussion on the water park.

Assistant Director Karlson, who attended the City Council strategic planning meeting, reported that it was discussed and staff is waiting for Council direction to determine the next step.

Vice-Chairman Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.