

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
July 15, 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 July 15, 2015. Present was Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Rich Carstensen and Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan. Public Works Parks Foreman Rob George was also in attendance. Advisory Board Members present 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 July 8, 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 Scott 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 20, 2015 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Juarez. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak reported on the Splash Bash held Sunday, July 8th. It was a very hot day, and we had the biggest turnout ever, with 400+ people attending. Approximately 150 people showed up after the event was over to swim, so it was a productive day. Special thanks to Public Works employees, committee members and Mayor and Council who were there working and spending the afternoon at the event.

Monday, July 20th is the 2015-16 Budget Workshop. This workshop is open to the public. Tuesday, July 21st the city council meeting has been moved to 6:00 p.m., with any finishing budget workshop afterwards.

The annual Urban Adventure Race will be held August 8th. Defy Gravity, Ferrell's Extreme Body shaping and Planet Fitness will be three of the businesses with obstacles to complete during the adventure race which will include the areas of La Vista and Papillion. So far, there are 38 teams of 2 registered to race.

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

Golf Rounds June 2015	= 2694 (+129 rounds from June 2014), June 2014 rounds = 2,565
FootGolf Rounds June 2015	= 404
Total Rounds June 2015	= 3,098 (+533 rounds from June 2014), June 2014 rounds = 2,565

Golf Rounds fiscal year 2014/15 thru June = 9,672 (+689 golf rounds from fiscal year 13/14)
FootGolf Rounds fiscal year 2014/15 thru June = 665 (+665 FootGolf rounds from fiscal year 13/14)
Total Rounds fiscal year 2014/15 = 10,337 (+1,354 total rounds thru June 2013/14)

We had rain on 11 days in June. When it wasn't raining it was hot and humid. Not a great month as far as weather goes but we were able to turn out some improved numbers as far as golf rounds go.

In June, we offered FootGolf on 13 days. It was a wet, hot and humid month, which had some effect on FootGolf rounds, but we ended up with 404 rounds. This is an average of 31 rounds per day.

In June 2014, during those same days and times (Mon/Wed 1:00 – 4:00 and Sunday 5:00 – close) we offered golf those 14 days. During those 14 days we had 162 rounds of golf which averages to 11.5 golf rounds per day.

During the month of June 2015, we turned away 9 golfers due to FootGolf and those golfers were not upset. They said they knew better and should have called for a tee time before coming. We also had 3 calls for tee times which we couldn't schedule due to FootGolf.

2015 Golf Leagues include:

Monday Mixed League: Dinan/Knowlton	= 16 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 thru July:

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”	= 31 Golfers
May 24: Omaha FC; FootGolf outing	= 20 FootGolfers (cancelled)
May 31: Czech Club golf outing	= 14 Golfers
May 31: Ralston Soccer FootGolf	= 24 FootGolfers
June 7: Darby's golf outing	= 24 Golfers
June 7: Bell FootGolf party	= 7 FootGolfers
June 7: EGA FootGolf Outing	= 21 FootGolfers
June 8: ProxIbid FootGolf Outing:	= 28 FootGolfers
June 10: Lewis Central FootGolf:	= 28 FootGolfers
June 13: First Baptist Church	= 14 Golfers played 18 holes
June 24: Kiewit Corp	= 8 FootGolfers
June 24: OTC	= 10 FootGolfers
June 28: Council Bluffs Football Club	= 8 FootGolfers
June 28: Scott FootGolf outing	= 22 FootGolfers
July 4: Parks Golf outing:	= 21 Golfers
July 11: Andy's Bar	= 40 Golfers
July 18: Waldo's Pub	= 36 Golfers playing 18 holes
July 25: Fogle Golf Outing	= 16 Golfers

Program Coordinator South reported on current sport activities for adult and youth. Adult Softball is currently in its 15th week. Due to rain out make-up games & holidays, the season will continue and

will tentatively end in mid-August. We are currently taking registrations for our fall season with a registration deadline of August 8th or until the league is full.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic will begin the fall season starting in September. Five, one-hour sessions will be held on Saturday mornings. Pat Lodes is again coaching and teaching the group, which includes working with the parents. We are currently taking registrations for the clinic with a deadline of August 8th.

4/5 Soccer Academy & 6/7 Soccer League will continue this fall with registrations well underway. The academy will meet twice a week for six weeks. Each session will focus on a different soccer skill to help develop each individual player. Deadline for registration will be August 8th.

Fall Flag Football League registration deadline was July 11th. The fall season will start with practice beginning the first week of August and games beginning on August 15th. This year we have 80 players with 7-8 teams.

Youth Baseball concluded their season on July 7th. Due to rain outs, tournament play was extended slightly.

Youth Softball for ages 8-18 played their final games on June 27th.

Youth Coed T-Ball had their first games on June 6th. They will continue games through this Saturday, July 18th.

Youth Tackle Football and Cheerleading registration is in progress. Registrations for both have been extended through July 18th. We will be having a 9 and 10 year old teams this year. The season will begin on August 3rd.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on activities for the Senior Center.

Thursday, July 2nd we had 25 seniors enjoy a pre-4th of July lunch outing to Petrow's.

Wednesday, July 8th we had 25 La Vista seniors from our La Vista Senior Center and the 15 Papillion Senior Center walkers for a joint celebration in completion of our Senior Center Walking Challenge. The Papillion Strollers won the challenge; the event got both groups out walking and exercising for the 6-week challenge! Joe Taylor from Merry Makers performed for both groups and we enjoyed some cake and special healthy treats. In the future we are looking to do more joint programs with the Papillion Senior Center.

Thursday, July 9th more than 45 seniors from the La Vista Senior Center went to "Christmas in July" at the Papillion Masonic Temple. The group puts on a free meal for the seniors, and then they have holiday games, prizes and sing Christmas songs.

Friday, July 10th we had a Black Jack tournament with over 20 seniors.

Monday, July 13th was White Elephant Bingo, where they bring some interesting prizes they have laying around their houses!

Today, Wednesday, July 15th, we had 12 seniors signed up to go to the movies to see "5 Flights Up".

Tuesday, July 28th we are having a lunch outing to Pizza Ranch in Papillion.

State of Nebraska Farmers Market Coupons Program: To follow up, the La Vista Senior Center distributed 28 Sets of coupons at a value of \$48 per set to seniors over the age of 60-years and who also qualified financially. Because of the number of seniors wanting coupons we had a lottery. Nine individuals got placed on a waiting list. We received coupons for those nine seniors later on in July.

We have a Popsicle Social Planned for Wednesday, August 12th.

We have a Merry Makers Performance on Friday, August 14th.

We may be going to the Nebraska State Fair for Older Nebraskan's Day on Wednesday, September 2nd. Tony Orlando will be performing.

Hot Wheels Races were held on Tuesday, July 7th. We had approximately 20 kids racing Hot Wheels and had enough for two different age groups.

Assistant Director David Karlson reported on special events that were held in the month of June.

Our 3rd Annual Preschool Play-Time May Day Craft had a record number of participants with 38 preschoolers and 21 adults making May Day Baskets to give to someone special! Our June Preschool Play Time Craft Day had 24 kids making colorful butterflies and dragonflies.



Our monthly Preschool Story-Time and Sing Along with Miss Jen from the Library had 11 preschoolers and 10 adults.

Two Mini Summer Camps were held in June. The first was our "Sweet Treats" Camp for ages 4-6. 30 kids explore all things sweet, from decorating cookies to making cupcake crafts. The second mini Camp was "Cupcakes, Ice-cream and Cookies". We had 34 kids ages 7-9 make, bake and decorate cookies, make their own homemade ice-cream in zip-lock bags and enjoy a variety of games and crafts.

La Vista's Outdoor Concert and Movie Nights kicked off the summer with the band "Charm School Dropouts" and the Movie "Big Hero 6". A large crowd of over 500 people were in attendance.

Our annual "Dinosaur Egg Hunt" moved back to its' original location in Central Park after being held in Southwind Park for several years. Over 75 young explorers and their adult assistants joined us in hunting for giant dinosaur eggs (watermelons). When all of the eggs were found, we hauled them back to the picnic shelter, cracked them open and enjoyed eating a cold slice. In a new twist this year; giant dinosaur tracks led the kids from the park entrance up through the trees where they found the eggs.

Boy Scout Tyler Fendrick built a "Free Little Library" for the La Vista Community Center game room as part of his Eagle Scout project. The library was built out of 100 year old barn wood from Iowa. Tyler also collected and donated over 600 books that we can use to fill the library for years to come.



Passport to Play started its third summer. The program gives families with children 13 and under a chance to win a grand prize package by visiting the various parks, places and events listed on their passports and collecting the clues to figure out the secret password on their passports.

Our first "**Discover Flight**" was held on Thursday June 25 in the Community Center gym. Family Fun took flight with over 35 kids and 22 adults acting as their flight crews. They raced blimps and built 13 different styles of paper airplanes helicopters and more! The flight teams competed in a contest of accuracy, distance, air time and stunt flying.

Karlson also reminded the Board that National Night Out is on August 4th at Central Park.

B. NAMING OF SPORTS COMPLEX FIELD (MIKE GASSERT FIELD)

1. Discussion

Director Stopak read a letter from John Patrick, Nebraska District 10 ASA softball UIC, Elite Umpire proposing to memorialize the late Mike Gassert, who was a long time umpire and referee scheduler for adult and youth sports by naming field #4 at the La Vista Sports Complex after Mike. Mike's son-in-law, Lee Kortus, addressed the Board, telling them how Mike was a resident of La Vista since 1970, and graduated from Papillion-La Vista High School. He was dedicated to officiating, and it was one of the last things he gave up before passing away.

2. Recommendation

Stopak asked the Board for a recommendation to City Council.

Member Juarez made a motion to recommend naming softball field #4 at the Sports Complex the "Mike Gassert" field. Seconded by Member Johnson. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Lodes asked Golf Svcs. Mgr. if people seemed to like the FootGolf? Dinan said it has been really well received. During the daytime, we have had a lot of mothers and their young daughters come and play together.

Stopak mentioned that La Vista Falls was the first in the metro area to have FootGolf. Warren Swigart Golf Course in Omaha is now offering FootGolf and claiming in their advertising to be the first in the area.

Member Johnson asked Program Coordinator South how the construction was at City Park and if it has interfered at all with games being played? South stated that construction was coming along, and the only time there was any interference was when they hit a gas line and had to evacuate the surrounding area. One game was cancelled, the other was made up.

Member Juarez asked Program Coordinator Carstensen how old you have to be to attend any senior festivities? Carstensen stated that 60 years is the "senior citizen" age to qualify for membership to the senior center.

Chairperson Lodes asked Carstensen about the state program for the Farmers Market coupons, and if he is able to supply everyone with the coupons. Carstensen said he does a lottery for the tickets, and then places those that don't get any on a waiting list. He has been able to locate coupons every year to give out to those on the list.

Member Johnson asked about the July Pool report, and why there was such a big jump in numbers. Stopak stated that weather has been conducive and we are having a very productive year at the pool with participants and we have sold more memberships this year.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Johnson. All aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.