

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
August 19, 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 August 19, 2015. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Rich Carstensen and Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan. Public Works Parks Superintendent Brian Lukasiewicz was also in attendance. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer and Greg Johnson. Absent was Member Joe Juarez.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on August 12, 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 July 15, 2015 meeting and the program information. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Program Coordinator South reported on current sport activities for adult and youth.

Flag Football for grades k-6th began practicing on August 3rd and had their first games this past Saturday. The season will run through October 10th. We have over 80 kids and 8 teams playing this fall. We are up 20 kids and 2 teams from fall 2014.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic will begin the fall season starting on September 12th. This program will run for 5 weeks.

4/5 Soccer Academy & 6/7 league will continue this fall with registrations running through August 22nd. The academy & league will meet twice a week for five weeks with the first training session being held on September 8th.

Adult Softball for the spring/summer season will conclude this Friday. Our fall season will begin on Sunday, August 23rd.

Tackle Football teams began practicing on August 3rd. They will have their first scrimmage on Sunday and their first games on Sunday, August 30th. We have 2 teams for the fall season; a 9 year old team and a 10 year old team. We are looking forward to another great season with the Metro Youth Football League.

Tackle Football Cheerleading for ages 7-14 began practicing their routines on August 3rd. We have 14 girls on our cheer team this season. They will cheer at their first games on August 30th!

Youth Volleyball registration for boys and girls grades 3rd – 6th will run through September 5th.

Registration is now open for our youth basketball league and coed basketball clinic. Registration will run through November 28th.

Punt, Pass & Kick. The City has teamed up with the Sarpy County Tourism Department to offer a Punt, Pass & Kick competition on Saturday, September 26th. We have timed this event to be held in conjunction with our youth flag football games. The NFL PUNT, PASS & KICK (PPK) program is a national skills competition for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 15. It is one of the world's largest youth sports participation programs with thousands of boys and girls taking part each year. Girls and boys in five separate age divisions (6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14-15) compete against each other in punting, passing and place kicking in a fun and engaging forum. The PPK program is free – both to organizers who host a local competition and to every youngster who wants to participate!

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on activities for the Senior Center.

Monday, August 3rd Tai Chi/Better Balance class began again after taking a bit of a break over the summer. Tai Chi classes are every Monday, and Thursday from 11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. We have 12 to 20 participants each class on a regular basis. This is one of the bigger classes throughout the metro area and we are hoping to increase the class size this fall.

Wednesday, August 12th Jenny Janovich from Papillion hosted a Popsicle Social for the seniors.

Friday, August 14th we had music provided by Merry Maker's Cynthia Ziesman from Kansas City.

Tomorrow, August 20th we will take a lunch outing to Piccolo's Restaurant and then head over to the Western Trails Museum in Council Bluffs for music with their annual "Bread and Jam" session. Local musicians from the area come to the museum and play together for a nice afternoon concert.

Friday, August 21st we will have a Black Jack Tournament. The seniors play for lunch tickets.

Wednesday, August 26th we will be going to the movies.

Weather permitting; on Wednesday, September 2nd we will be going to the State Fair to see Tony Orlando in concert. This is an all day trip to Grand Island that the seniors look forward to each year.

We are planning a potluck picnic at one of the parks in September and try to have some musical entertainment for the event. We will also be having a Merry Makers performance sometime in September. Other programs are being planned at this time.

Assistant Recreation Director Karlson reported on Special Events and Programs:

The La Vista Library and Recreation Department teamed up for our first Super Hero Academy. 90 kids and 50 adults trained to become super hero's by completing an obstacle course that included a "bat cave crawl, traversing a balance beam over a hot lava pit, lifting two five hundred pound barbells over their heads, nerf gun target shooting, balloon sword fighting and creating their own Super Hero names.

Our last two mini summer camps were held in July. The first was our *Sports and Games Camp* for ages 5-8. 40 kids participated in variety of old-fashioned relay races and childhood games and activities.

The second minicamp was the *Imagination Camp*. We had 30 kids ages 6-9 use their imaginations to create various arts and crafts, and the kids also participated in "theater and acting" activities provided by the Rose Children's Theater.

The second annual "Lego Water Challenge" was held on Wednesday July 8th and had over 30 kids, 6 teens and 20 adults use their engineering skill to build Lego water craft that would "sink or float".

La Vista's Outdoor Concert and Movie Nights hosted the *Blue Band* and showed the movie *Pitch Perfect* on Friday July 10th. A large crowd of over 350 people were in attendance.

The "Force" was strong for our first Star Wars party with 115 kids, 10 teens and 65 adults joining us on Saturday July 11th for a fun filled adventure which included making "Yoda Ears", "Princes Leia hair buns" and designing their own colorful light saber. Everyone got to get their pictures taken with Darth Vader, Boba Fett, Anakin Skywalker, Luke Skywalker, Leia Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi and several Storm Troopers and Bounty Hunters.

Due to construction in Central Park, our annual Hydrant and Squirt Gun party was moved to the south end of City Hall on Friday July 17th. Over 60 kids, 5 teens and 25 adults joined us to cool off on a 95+ degree day. We would like to give a special thank you to the Fire Department for bring frozen treats for all of the kids, and city staff who helped get everything ready for the party.

Our first Library Card Day at the pool was held on Friday June 30th. 43 kids and 20 adult joined us for a free day at the pool by showing their La Vista Library cards. Ms. Jodi and Ms. Jen from the Library each did a story time by the kiddie pool while a variety of games and activities rounded out the afternoon.

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

Golf Rounds thru July 28, 2015	= 2,555 (- 691 rounds from July 28, 2014)
FootGolf Rounds thru July 28, 2015	= 249
Total Rounds thru July 28, 2015	= 2,804 (- 442 rounds from June 2014)
Golf Rounds fiscal year thru July 28	= 12,227 (-2 Golf rounds from fiscal year 13/14)
FootGolf Rounds fiscal year thru July 28	= 914 (+914 FootGolf rounds from fiscal year 13/14)
Total Rounds fiscal year thru July 28	= 13,141 (+912 total rounds from fiscal year 13/14)

We had rain on 6 days in July and 15 days that were humid and hot, which makes for lousy golf conditions and inconsistent rounds. We had 39 golfers on July 2, a record breaking day. On July 3 we had 202 rounds and then 0 rounds on July 6. July had 11 days with temperatures above 90, with high humidity which caused feel like temperatures to be above 100 degrees.

The wet, hot and humid weather had some effect on our FootGolf rounds as well. In July 2015, we offered FootGolf on 11 days. During those 11 days we had 249 rounds which averaged 23 FootGolf rounds per day.

In July 2014, during those same days and times (Mon/Wed 1:00 – 4:00 and Sunday 5:00 – close) we offered golf, we averaged 13.5 golf rounds per day.

The word is out that we offer FootGolf on Mon, Wed and Sundays and we are only getting a few golfers come during those times that we have to turn away. During the month of July 2015, we only turned away 7 golfers due to FootGolf and only 1 of those was upset.

There are 3 more courses in the Omaha area that are going to offer FootGolf. Warren Swigert (92 & Bedford), Papio Greens in Papillion, and Shoreline in Carter Lake, Ia.

We are going to be offering a FootGolf “Fall Special” and lower our price to \$8 a round and offer an additional 15% discount for groups of 20 or more. We have sent FootGolf flyers offering our course to be used for outings and fund raisers along with coupons for 2 complimentary rounds of FootGolf to over 250 area businesses as well as all Soccer Clubs and all College and High School boys and girls soccer coaches. We will also be sending the same info to over 100 bars and taverns.

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 for July:

July 4: Parks Golf outing:	= 21 Golfers
July 11: Andy’s Bar	= 40 Golfers
July 18: Waldo’s Pub	= 35 Golfers played 18 holes (70 rounds)
July 19: Bellevue Soccer	= 10 Foot Golfers
July 20: Preston FootGolf	= 10 Foot Golfers
July 22: La Vista Leadership	= 25 Foot Golfers
July 25: Donna K Golf Outing	= 12 Golfers
July 26: Aaron FootGolf Outing	= 9 Foot Golfers

Brian Lukasiewicz, Parks Superintendent for La Vista Public Works (PW) reported on work being done currently for the parks and special events.

The PW has been busy helping prepare for events such as the Urban Adventure Race and National Night Out. They have also put in Book Nooks in a couple of the parks, Eberle-Waldon and Triangle Park, and also one at the Community Center.

City Park construction for the Monarchs High School Softball home field is still underway. They are behind because of all the rain this summer. The dugouts are in, and they are putting the roofs on today.

Waste receptacles have been placed along the trails in La Vista.

Lukasiewicz said he has applied for a grant for a new chipper.

Lukasiewicz reported that he and Director Stopak have been working on the 1 & 5 Year Tree Plan together.

Director Stopak reported on some past events and upcoming meetings of interest:

The Urban Adventure Race held on August 8th was a big success with 42 teams of 2 (84) participants. Defy Gravity, Farrell's, and Planet Fitness provided challenges for the race, and Mama's Pizza donated pizza. Stopak thanked the City Staff who prepared and worked on the race.

A tentative meeting is planned for the Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, September 22nd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be a joint meeting with City Council, Planning Commission and the Park & Recreation Advisory Board. More information to follow as it becomes available.

Meetings will be held for the public at G. Stanley Hall and La Vista West on Tuesday, September 23rd from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00pm and on Wednesday, September 24th at Park View Heights Elementary and Portal Elementary, also from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm.

The City is also working on an online survey for the Recreation Programming and Facilities portion of the Comp Plan.

B. 1 & 5 YEAR TREE PLAN

1. A discussion was held on the 1 & 5 year Tree Plan. Stopak and Lukasiewicz have been working together to draw up a plan for each of the next 5 years. A copy of the preliminary plan was given to the Board members. A discussion was also held on the Tree City award, how it is obtained, how many trees have been planted, and how many years La Vista has been given the award. Lukasiewicz answered questions by the Board on these items.

Director Stopak asked the Board if they had any changes to the plan. The Board did not have changes at this time, but may at a later date.

2. Recommendation

Chairperson Lodes recommended the 1 & 5 Tree Plan be submitted to Council with the condition that changes may be made at a later date. Seconded by Member Johnson. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Johnson. All aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.