

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
February 17, 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 February 17, 2016. Present was Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Rich Carstensen, Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan, and Public Works Parks Foreman Jeff Thornburg. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Jeff Kupfer, Greg Johnson and Joe Juarez. Absent was Director Scott Stopak.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on February 10, 2016. 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

Asst. Director Karlson called the meeting to order.

Karlson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karlson 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. Asst. Director Karlson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2016 meeting and the program information. Motion made by Member Kupfer. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried.

#### 2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Asst. Director Karlson reported that a new Park & Recreation Advisory Board Member has been selected, and he would begin attending at the March meeting. Karlson also reported the La Vista Community Foundation hosted its annual Grant Presentation on Friday January 15th. The City received two grants from the foundation this year. The first was for \$1,000.00 to help support our "Spread the Warmth" coat drive. The money went to purchase 43 new youth-size coats. Karlson said the coat drive is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, having been started by Sue Tangeman and run for 7 years as the One Warm Coat drive. It is now run by a committee of employees and now known as "Spread the Warmth", with the Foundation donating to it for the last couple of years.

The second grant from the Foundation was for \$1,500.00 to sponsor our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Canned Food Drive event, which will be held on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Sports Complex.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> we hosted an American Ninja Toddlers Obstacle Course in the gym from 10-11 o'clock. The course had the toddlers traverse over 10 challenging obstacles. Some of the dangers included a ramp and fire pit jump, a double hoop duck, two balance beams (with death defying falls if they failed), a bat cave crawl and a bounce house that included 4 separate obstacles. Later that afternoon the course was redesigned to make it longer and more challenging for our Discover Play home school class. We had 60 Kdg.-4<sup>th</sup> graders, 10 teenagers and 32 adults participate.

Program Coordinator South reported on current sport activities for adult and youth. Women's Volleyball is in week 7<sup>th</sup> of a 12 week season. We have 8 teams playing this winter. Adult Softball registration opened on February 1st and will remain open until March 19<sup>th</sup> or until leagues are full. The season will tentatively

begin on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Youth Basketball League is in full swing. We are in week 7<sup>th</sup> of an 8 week season. Tournament play will begin the first week of March and run for two weeks.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic registration is open until March 28<sup>th</sup>. This will have five, one-hour sessions held on Saturday mornings beginning on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending on April 30<sup>th</sup>. As of now, the league is full. La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy & 6/7 Youth Soccer League registration is currently open with a registration deadline of March 19<sup>th</sup>. The soccer season will begin on April 5<sup>th</sup> and end on May 7<sup>th</sup> with sessions taking place on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Spring Flag Football League registration is currently open with a registration deadline of March 19<sup>th</sup>. The season will tentatively begin with practices the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>, with games starting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Youth Baseball registration for ages 7–12 is open until March 12<sup>th</sup>. The season will tentatively begin with practices the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>, and games will begin the first week of May. Youth Softball registration for ages 7–18 is open until March 26<sup>th</sup>, and that season will tentatively begin with practices the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> with games beginning the second week of May.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on activities for the Senior Center and other events. Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Tim Javorsky from Merry Makers performed for the seniors. Thirty seniors attended and really enjoyed the show. Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> the annual Senior Valentine's Day luncheon was held at the Community Center. The La Vista and Papillion Recreation Departments hosted the event, which was open to all seniors in the surrounding communities. Entertainment was provided by Papillion La Vista High School Jazz Band before and during the luncheon. Lunch was served by Mayor Kindig, La Vista and Papillion Recreation staff, Board Member Jeff Kupfer, Fire Chief Bill Bowes and several City Council members and City employees from both La Vista and Papillion. After lunch, the musical group "Pluckin Nutz" performed, which boasts Papillion Recreation Director Lori Hansen as a member! We were thrilled to have them play, and the seniors really enjoyed it. This year we had approximately 150 attend the luncheon, the largest ever!

Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> the seniors were invited to the Shrine Circus at the Mid-America Center. The performance was free for seniors through funding efforts of the local Shriners. Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> we had a Black Jack tournament. Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> is the annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon for seniors. Hy-Vee is catering corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes. After lunch, the group will be entertained by "JR's Band". Registration for this event has begun. The fee for lunch is \$5.00.

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> was the monthly Country Music Jam Session at the Community Center. This is free and open to the public from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan discussed rounds for golf, footgolf and other activities for the golf course.

Golf Rounds January 2016	= 0 (-394 rounds from January 2015)
FootGolf Rounds January 2016	= 0 (0 rounds in January 2015)
Total Rounds January 2016	= 0 (-394 rounds from January 2015)

Golf Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru January	= 2,123 (-225 golf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
FootGolf Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru January	= 104 (+104 footgolf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
Total Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru January	= 2,227 (-121 total rounds from fiscal 14/15)

For the first time in 5 years the course didn't have any rounds in January. The golf course remained snow covered throughout the entire month.

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the clubhouse was rented out for a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party which brought in over \$300 worth of revenue.

Most of January was spent on contacting our external golf leagues to determine that they were returning for the 2016 season. All of them are returning. For our internal leagues, league start and end dates, fees, registration forms and league guidelines were determined and will be emailed to last year's teams in February.

Dinan discussed also working on business, school, soccer club, bar and tavern mailing lists to send out flyers and coupons and offer our course for golf and footgolf leagues, outings, fundraisers and events for upcoming season. Golf vendors have been contacted and orders have been placed to stock golf balls, golf hats and other golf supplies. There is marketing plans being discussed to advertise golf and footgolf on social media such as Groupon, Daily Deal, the city website, Facebook, the Omaha World Herald, etc. and will begin in late February or early March and run throughout the season.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Member Juarez motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.